

Special Council Meeting

23 October 2017

Minutes



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Vision Statement

Kwinana 2030

***Rich in spirit, alive with opportunities,
surrounded by nature – it's all here!***



Mission

**Strengthen community spirit, lead
exciting growth, respect the environment
- create great places to live.**

We will do this by –

- providing strong leadership in the community;
- promoting an innovative and integrated approach;
- being accountable and transparent in our actions;
- being efficient and effective with our resources;
- using industry leading methods and technology wherever possible;
- making informed decisions, after considering all available information; and
- providing the best possible customer service.

Values

We will demonstrate and be defined by our core values, which are:

- Lead from where you stand – Leadership is within us all.
- Act with compassion – Show that you care.
- Make it fun – Seize the opportunity to have fun.
- Stand Strong, stand true – Have the courage to do what is right.
- Trust and be trusted – Value the message, value the messenger.
- Why not yes? – Ideas can grow with a yes.

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Swearing In Ceremony

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Present:

HER WORSHIP MAYOR C ADAMS
DEPUTY MAYOR P FEASEY
CR W COOPER
CR M KEARNEY
CR S LEE
CR S MILLS
CR M ROWSE
CR D WOOD

MS J ABBISS	-	Chief Executive Officer
MS C MIHOVILOVICH	-	Director City Strategy
MS M BELL	-	Acting Director City Regulation
MRS B POWELL	-	Director City Engagement
MR D ELKINS	-	Director City Infrastructure
MS A MCKENZIE	-	Council Administration Officer

Members of the Press	0
Members of the Public	7

1 Declaration of Opening:

Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 7:00pm and welcomed Councillors, City Officers and gallery in attendance and read the Welcome

“IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU ALL HERE AND BEFORE COMMENCING THE PROCEEDINGS, I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE COME TOGETHER TONIGHT ON THE TRADITIONAL LAND OF THE NOONGAR PEOPLE”

2 Prayer:

Councillor Wendy Cooper read the Prayer

“OH LORD WE PRAY FOR GUIDANCE IN OUR MEETING. PLEASE GRANT US WISDOM AND TOLERANCE IN DEBATE THAT WE MAY WORK TO THE BEST INTERESTS OF OUR PEOPLE AND TO THY WILL. AMEN”

3 Apologies/Leave(s) of Absence (previously approved)

Apologies

Nil

Leave(s) of Absence (previously approved):

Nil

4 Public Question Time:

Nil

5 Declarations of Interest by Members and City Officers:

Nil

6 Report of the Returning Officer – Local Government Election Held 21 October 2017

The report of the Returning Officer from the Local Government Elections held on 21 October 2017 was read aloud by the Chief Executive Officer.

7 Swearing in of Newly Elected Councillors

The swearing in of newly elected Councillors was held with the Chief Executive Officer inviting individual Councillors to read aloud the declaration as follows:

Councillor Carol Adams made the declaration, in the prescribed form, before the Chief Executive Officer and Ms Michelle Bell, Lawyer as witness.

Councillor Merv Kearney made the declaration, in the prescribed form, before the Chief Executive Officer and Ms Michelle Bell, Lawyer as witness.

Councillor Sandra Lee made the declaration, in the prescribed form, before the Chief Executive Officer and Ms Michelle Bell, Lawyer as witness.

Councillor Matthew Rowse made the declaration, in the prescribed form, before the Chief Executive Officer and Ms Michelle Bell, Lawyer as witness.

8 Reports

8.1 Election of the Mayor

Election of the Mayor is required to be conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995.

Schedules 2.3 (Division 1) and 4.1 of the Local Government Act 1995 and the Local Government (Constitution) Regulations 1998 provide the methodology by which this election is to take place.

The Chief Executive Officer, called for nominations for the position of Mayor at 7:17pm requesting that they be received by 7:19pm.

At 7:19pm, the Chief Executive Officer declared the close of nominations and advised that she had received one nomination for the position of Mayor, nominating Councillor Carol Adams.

The Chief Executive Officer declared Councillor Carol Adams is elected to the office of Mayor for the term of two years, expiring when the Mayor is next elected after the next local government ordinary elections.

The Chief Executive Officer congratulated Councillor Carol Adams.

8.2 Declaration of Office by the Newly Elected Mayor

Councillor Carol Adams made the declaration, in the prescribed form, before the Chief Executive Officer and Ms Michelle Bell, Lawyer as witness.

9 Election of the Deputy Mayor

9.1 Election of the Deputy Mayor

Election of the Deputy Mayor is required to be conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995.

Schedules 2.3 (Division 2) and 4.1 of the Local Government Act 1995 and the Local Government (Constitution) Regulations 1998 provide the methodology by which this election is to take place.

The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor at 7:23pm requesting that they be received by 7:25pm.

At 7:25pm, the Chief Executive Officer declared the close of nominations and advised that two nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor were received from Councillor Peter Feasey and Councillor Dennis Wood.

A secret ballot was held to determine the result and votes were compiled by the Chief Executive Officer.

The Chief Executive Officer declared Councillor Peter Feasey is elected to the office of Deputy Mayor for the term of two years, expiring when the Deputy Mayor is next elected after the next local government ordinary elections.

The Chief Executive Officer congratulated Councillor Peter Feasey.

9.2 Declaration of Office by the Newly Elected Deputy Mayor

Councillor Peter Feasey made the declaration in the prescribed form before the Mayor, the Chief Executive Officer and Ms Michelle Bell, Lawyer as witness.

The Mayor congratulated Deputy Mayor Feasey.

10 Seating Arrangements for Councillors

Councillors currently occupy the seating positions as follows:

That Council adopts the following methodology for determining seating positions in the Council Chamber;

- *Deputy Mayor to be seated at Front Left Hand Side of Council Chamber.*
- *All other seated positions to be filled in alphabetical order, from the Front Left Hand Side.*

It is recommended that Councillors continue to be seated as per previous resolutions of Council since 2007 following each Local Government Election.

COUNCIL DECISION

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MOVED CR P FEASEY

SECONDED CR S MILLS

That Council adopts the following methodology for determining seating positions in the Council Chamber;

- **Deputy Mayor to be seated at Front Left Hand Side of Council Chamber.**
- **All other seated positions to be filled in alphabetical order, from the Front Left Hand Side.**

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11 Councillor Reports

11.1 Councillor Wendy Cooper

Councillor Wendy Cooper reported that she had attended the Grand Opening of the Kings College Administration Building and that she really enjoyed the architecture.

Councillor Cooper advised that she had attended the City of Kwinana Citizenship Ceremony which she enjoyed.

Councillor Cooper mentioned that she had attended the Tranby College Valediction Ceremony and Presentation Evening and she was thrilled to have been amongst the young people, and added that the prefects took the liberty to do a flash mob on stage, which was sensational.

Councillor Cooper reported that she had attended the RAC Breakfast and the RADD (Recording Artists, Actors and Athletes Against Drink Driving) Campaign was discussed which is focused on the awareness and education around safe driving.

11.2 Councillor Sandra Lee

Councillor Sandra Lee reported that she had attended the Grand Opening of the Kings College Administration Building and further reported that it had been really nice speaking to the Chairman whom advised that the school was built on an old piggery site and that many items of the piggery infrastructure were used within the new building.

Councillor Lee advised that she had attended the City of Kwinana Citizenship Ceremony which was an enjoyable occasion.

Councillor Lee mentioned that she had attended the Police in Attendance meeting and that many residents of Banksia Park and Callistemon Court were in attendance. Councillor Lee stated that there seems to be an awful lot of crime and anti social behaviour taking place.

Councillor Lee reported that she had attended the Election Count and said 'well done' to all of the candidates and further reported that she looks forward to serving for the next four years.

12 Mayoral Announcements (without discussion)

Mayor Carol Adams stated that she is really excited to have been re-elected to Council for a fifth term and as Mayor for a further term.

The Mayor mentioned that she was certainly humbled by the strong number of votes she received.

The Mayor said that hopefully this is public acknowledgement of Council's hard work over the last several years, where you can actually see the tangible difference to the Kwinana of 15 years ago to the Kwinana of today.

The Mayor took the opportunity to thank those in the community who took the time to vote, those who care about their community and those who wanted to have a say on who has carriage of their City's management, governance and strategic vision for the next four year term.

12 MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS (WITHOUT DISCUSSION)

The Mayor advised whilst a 29.63% turnout rate in a non-compulsory election may not seem a huge amount of interest, this actually equated to 23,509 votes being cast.

The Mayor passed on her congratulations and welcomed new Councillors Matthew Rowse, Merv Kearney and also re-elected Councillor, Sandra Lee.

The Mayor extended a fond farewell to Ruth Alexander and retiring Councillor Bob Thompson.

The Mayor expressed her commiserations to the many good candidates who put their hand up and had a go. The Mayor added that hopefully the experience has made them stronger and she is confident she will see many of them back contesting the 2019 election.

The Mayor stated that it really is an exciting time to be part of the Kwinana leadership team, with that said, she added that she doesn't ever lose sight of the fact that Councillors are elected to make decision in the best interest of the entire community; and this can be quite a balancing act at times and she knows that they will come under pressure over the next few years as they try to do what Council believe is in the best interest of our community.

The Mayor passed on her thanks to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and her Executive and Management for their support and she looks forward to working with them again in the term of the new Council. The Mayor welcomed the City's new Director of City Infrastructure, Doug Elkins, and she hopes he enjoys his time at Kwinana.

In closing, the Mayor acknowledged her family, namely her husband Chris, and parents Ron and Viv, whom continue to provide their unwavering support which does make her life a lot easier on the home front.

The Mayor added that it is also important to acknowledge all families, it is not always an easy task given the unusual hours of work and it is important that they are acknowledged and thanked for their support.

13 Meeting Closure

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7:46pm.