

Special Council Meeting

21 October 2019

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 message. | Why not yes? – Ideas can grow with a yes.













EMERGENCY GUIDE

Council Chambers

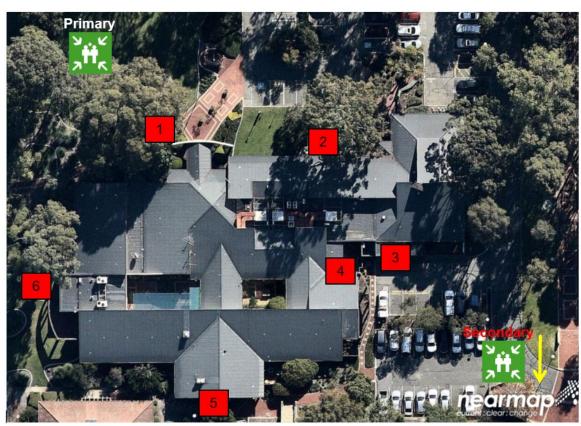


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Assembly Points:

- Primary North-west of the main entrance near Gilmore Avenue.
- Secondary South-east of the facility on grass area near Koorliny Arts Centre.

Special Council Meeting Swearing In Ceremony

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Present:

CR C ADAMS
CR W COOPER
CR P FEASEY
CR M KEARNEY
CR S LEE
CR M ROWSE
CR D WOOD
CR S WOOD

FREEMAN JOHN IRIKS, JP - Witness

MR G MACKENZIE - Acting Chief Executive Officer
MS K HAYWARD - Director City Business
MR D ELKINS - Director City Infrastructure
MRS B POWELL - Director City Engagement
MRS M COOKE - Director City Regulation
MS M BELL - Director City Legal

MR T HOSSEN - Lawyer

MS A MCKENZIE - Council Administration Officer

Members of the Press
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 Sandra Lee 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:

4.1 Kevin Desmond, Parmelia

Question 1

Can you tell me what the total expenses were for the recent trip to China by Councillor Adams and then Chief Executive Officer?

Response

The Acting Chief Executive Officer took the question on notice.

Question 2

Can you tell me if Councillor Adams and then Chief Executive Officer return together?

The Acting Chief Executive Officer advised no.

Question 3

Why didn't the then Chief Executive Officer return with Councillor Adams?

Response

The Acting Chief Executive Officer took the question on notice.

Question 4

In the last two years, has any Councillor reported any other Councillor to the Police?

Response

The Acting Chief Executive Officer took the question on notice.

Question 5

In the last two years, has any Councillors or Council officials reported any Councillors to the Department of Local Government?

Response

The Acting Chief Executive Officer took the question on notice.

Question 6

On 5 December there is the annual concert, can you tell me who is sponsoring it?

Response

The Acting Chief Executive Officer took the question on notice.

Question 7

Is the Council aware of any pending applications for new industry to move into the Kwinana Industrial Area (KIA) buffer zone?

Response

The Acting Chief Executive Officer took the question on notice.

Question 8

Can the Council give me what their current feelings on the buffer zone are and should that be infringed on for any purpose for the KIA buffer zone?

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Response

The Acting Chief Executive Officer took the question on notice.

5 Report of the Returning Officer – Local Government Election Held 19 October 2019

The report received from the Returning Officer for the Local Government Election held on 19 October 2019 was read aloud by the Acting Chief Executive Officer.

6 Swearing in of Newly Elected Councillors

In accordance with section 2.29 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, a person elected as a Councillor is to make a declaration in the prescribed form before acting in the office.

All Councillors making such declaration have been provided with a copy of the relevant forms.

Declarations required are to be made before an authorised person. In accordance with regulation 13(5) of the *Local Government (Constitution) Regulations 1998* an authorised person means a person before whom a statutory declaration can be made under the *Oaths*, *Affidavits and Statutory Declarations Act 2005*.

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

Councillor Wendy Cooper made the declaration, in the prescribed form, before the Acting Chief Executive Officer and Mr Johannes Maria Iriks, JP as witness.

Councillor Peter Feasey made the declaration, in the prescribed form, before the Acting Chief Executive Officer and Mr Johannes Maria Iriks, JP as witness.

Councillor Dennis Wood made the declaration, in the prescribed form, before the Acting Chief Executive Officer and Mr Johannes Maria Iriks, JP as witness.

Councillor Sherilyn Wood made the declaration, in the prescribed form, before the Acting Chief Executive Officer and Mr Johannes Maria Iriks, JP as witness.

7 Declarations of Interest by Members and City Officers:

Nil

8 Reports:

8.1 Election of 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 Acting Chief Executive Officer, called for nominations for the position of Mayor at 7:12pm requesting that they be received by 7:13pm.

At 7:13pm, the Acting Chief Executive Officer declared the close of nominations and advised that he had received one nomination for the position of Mayor, nominating Councillor Carol Adams.

The Acting Chief Executive Officer declared that 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 Acting Chief Executive Officer congratulated Councillor Carol Adams.

8.2 Declaration of Office by the Newly Elected Mayor

Once elected, the Mayor is to make a declaration in the prescribed form before taking office.

Councillor Carol Adams made the declaration, in the prescribed form, before the Acting Chief Executive Officer and Mr Johannes Maria Iriks, JP 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 Acting Chief Executive Officer called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor at 7:15pm requesting that they be received by 7:16pm.

At 7:16pm, the Acting Chief Executive Officer declared the close of nominations and advised that two nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor were received from Councillors Peter Feasey and Dennis Wood.

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

The Acting Chief Executive Officer declared that 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

Once elected, the Deputy Mayor is to make a declaration in the prescribed form before taking office.

Councillor Peter Feasey made the declaration, in the prescribed form, before the Acting Chief Executive Officer and Mr Johannes Maria Iriks, JP as witness.

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.

COUNCIL DECISION

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MOVED CR M ROWSE

SECONDED CR W COOPER

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 Deputy Mayor Peter Feasey

Deputy Mayor Peter Feasey passed on his congratulations to the Mayor on her sixth time being re-elected as Mayor as well as his fellow Councillors re-elected. The Deputy Mayor acknowledged former Councillor Sheila Mills and Brayden Kelly who missed out on a seat by one vote.

11.2 Councillor Wendy Cooper

Councillor Wendy Cooper passed on her congratulations to all elected Councillors, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Councillor Cooper gave her condolences to Brayden Kelly.

11.3 Councillor Merv Kearney

Councillor Merv Kearney passed on his congratulations to all elected Councillors, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

11.4 Councillor Sandra Lee

Councillor Sandra Lee passed on her congratulations to all elected Councillors.

11.5 Councillor Matthew Rowse

Councillor Matthew Rowse passed on his congratulations to all elected Councillors and to Brayden Kelly.

11.6 Councillor Dennis Wood

Councillor Dennis Wood passed on his congratulations to all elected Councillors and welcomed the Acting Chief Executive Officer.

11.7 Councillor Sherilyn Wood

Councillor Sherilyn Wood passed on her congratulations to all elected Councillors, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Councillor Sherilyn Wood gave her apologies to Brayden Kelly on the close result.

Councillor Sherilyn Wood welcomed the Acting Chief Executive Officer.

12 Mayoral Announcements (without discussion)

Mayor Carol Adams acknowledged the City's Acting Chief Executive Officer Mr Graeme Mackenzie and welcomed him to the City of Kwinana.

For the purpose of the gallery, the Mayor explained that Mr Mackenzie is in the position, whilst the City undertakes the recruitment process for our new Chief Executive Officer (CEO). That process is well underway. Mr Mackenzie was the former CEO of the City of Fremantle and retired in 2016. The Mayor further explained that with Fremantle being part of the South West Group of Councils, Mr Mackenzie is certainly no stranger to Kwinana and she hoped that he had been made very welcome on this, his first day in the job.

The Mayor passed on her sincere thanks to her fellow Councillors for their support, faith and entrusting her to continue in her significant civic leadership role for a further two years.

The Mayor welcomed back to Council, Councillors Peter Feasey, Wendy Cooper, Dennis Wood and a special welcome back to Councillor Sherilyn Wood. The Mayor also acknowledged outgoing Councillor, Sheila Mills and advised that the City will recognise her contribution in a Civic Recognition Event next month.

The Mayor offered her formal congratulations to Deputy Mayor Peter Feasey and thanked him for his assistance and support for the time he has been in the role.

The Mayor stated that Elections can be very unsettling for Elected Members, their families and close ones. It is not just the election count but the events that go on up to the swearing in of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. The Mayor added that she appreciates that the last few days have been unsettling for many of the Elected Members (as it has been for herself), but asked on behalf of the organisation, that they now regroup as a collegiate and work as a united team to deliver the numerous projects and strategic visions Council have set for the community of Kwinana.

The Mayor raised the set vision for the next few years and mentioned a few of those projects:

- It is timely to undertake an assessment of the services and infrastructure required to support the City's ageing population
- Continue to lobby and advocate for:
 - The construction of the new Port in Kwinana and work on important supporting documents such as the Strategic land use, freight and transport planning studies and infrastructure development related to the new Port.
 - The Mayor anticipates over the next few years that the City will attract an escalation of objection to the project from various groups with vested interests, but we must hold steady, the outer harbour advocacy is a formal resolution of council. It is however now a government process but we can, and will, continue a supportive role.
 - Lobby Landcorp for the timely release of industrial land in the City of Kwinana

12 MAYORAL ANNOUNCMEENTS (WITHOUT DISCUSSION)

- Lobby the Treasurer for the reimbursement of City Centre development funds which currently leave a hole in our finances due to interest accruing.
- Implement the Corporate Business System so we can provide a better level of integrated service to the organisation.
- Elected Members would also like to see the Administration Building refurbishment commence. The City has been preparing for this project for a few years now and it is the time to start getting our house in order and up to date.

The Mayor advised, in closing, as those around the Council Chamber know, this is a unique role and it often means weekend commitment and at least two evenings a week that you are not at home. To have the support at home is something that you cannot underestimate.

In that regard, the Mayor acknowledged her husband Chris and the amazing support that, he has continued to provide. It has not been easy given their respective roles and the public scrutiny that they come under from time to time. The Mayor stated 'when they go low, we continue to go high'.

The Mayor added that she is also very fortunate that from the very start of her local government journey in May 1997, her parents Ron and Viv Adams have shown their unwavering support and they are here for her once again, and the Mayor thanked and acknowledged them for this.

The Mayor acknowledged her daughters Bronwyn and Kylie and that she knows it has not always been easy having a mother with a public profile, in the area that they actually live, especially on the social media front, and that she knows that this has at times caused them some concerns, but she thanked them for their support.

13 Meeting Closure

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7:32pm.

Chairperson: 13 November 2019