



**Annual General Meeting of Electors
Minutes**

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DATE: *24/4/2018*

Minutes of the **Annual General Meeting of Electors** of the City of Perth in Council Chamber, Ninth Floor, Council House, 27 St Georges Terrace, Perth on **Tuesday, 6 February 2018**.

Members in Attendance:

The Rt Hon, Lord Mayor, Ms Lisa-M. Scaffidi Presiding Member
Cr Adamos
Cr Barton
Cr Davidson
Cr Green
Cr Harley
Cr Hasluck

Officers:

Mr Mileham	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Mianich	Director Corporate Services
Ms Moore	Director Community and Commercial Services
Mr Crosetta	Director Construction and Maintenance
Ms Barrenger	Director Planning and Development
Ms Battista	Director Economic Development and Activation
Mr Ridgwell	Manager Governance
Ms Rutigliano	Governance Officer

Apologies/Leave of Absence:

Cr Chen (absent)
Cr Limnios (absent)

Seven members of the public were present
Four members of staff were present
Two members of the media were present

1. Declaration of Opening and Welcome

5.02pm The Presiding Member declared the meeting open.

2. Lord Mayor's Message

My full foreword is included in the published document but I will take this opportunity to comment on a few highlights:

- Since the City of Perth Act came to effect in July 2016, the City is formally recognised as the State's capital city local government authority;
- This means a greater responsibility not only to its ratepayers, but to the Western Australian community;

- Acknowledging this important role in tourism, business and economic development, the City of Perth has renewed its focus on enhancing Perth's liveability by stimulating economic activity to achieve its vision for a vibrant, connected and progressive capital city;
- In addition to Perth's established sectors, the City's role in industry sector development will help bolster Perth's international profile as a liveable and attractive city;
- This will be achieved by ongoing support for emerging industries such as education, agribusiness, medical research, technology and innovation;
- Positioned as a global destination of choice, Perth has continued to score highly in liveability rankings over the past decade, maintaining its status as the seventh most liveable city in the world;
- With an overall sponsorship budget of more than \$4.5 million in 2016/17, the City's involvement in – and support of – a range of events this past year has allowed Perth to continue to thrive, with sponsorship across a range of disciplines including the arts, culture, sport, education, technology, tourism, various community events and much more;
- We recognise the importance of supporting our community by funding events that bring visitors to the heart of Perth and drives our local economy;
- This year the City additionally progressed with the implementation of the Urban Forest Plan, which will deliver increased canopy cover and reduced temperatures, providing more sustainable water management;
- The City also remains focused on improvements to community safety infrastructure, with the expansion and digitalisation of its CCTV network;
- Over the next five years, revitalisation of Perth's East End will be a priority for the City, with medium and long-term plans already underway;
- Council's decision to extend the highly successful Barrack Street Improvement Model will additionally provide opportunities for businesses to capitalise on streetscape enhancements and activate public spaces;
- The City's plan also includes significant investment in the Wellington Square neighbourhood precinct and an enhancement program for McLean Lane to activate and modernise the space;

- Moreover, landmark State Government projects such as Elizabeth Quay, Perth City Link, the new Perth Stadium and the WA Museum redevelopment will continue to elevate Perth’s status as a truly global city; and
- The City of Perth looks forward to delivering a continued high quality service to the community in the coming years and we thank you for your interest and attendance tonight.

3. Financial Statements Overview

The Director Corporate Services provided an overview of the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2017 and spoke on the following matters contained in the Annual Report:

- A copy of the 2016/17 Annual Financial Statements is included in the Annual Report *(made available to those present)*;
- Revenue for the Financial Year was \$201.1m excluding capital grants and contributions;
- Revenue mix was as follows:

	2016/17	2015/16
Rates	43.8%	43.5%
Parking Revenue	36.1%	38.3%
Fines & Costs	4.4%	4.7%
Rubbish Collection Fees	4.2%	3.9%
Other Fees & Charges	3.2%	3.4%
Investment Income	2.6%	2.5%
Grants & Contributions	1.4%	0.8%
Other Income	4.3%	2.9%

- The number of rateable properties in the City grew to 18,222 of which 1,931 paid the minimum rate. The breakdown of property types was as follows:

Type	#
Commercial	2,466
Office	2,414
Residential	13,260
Vacant Land	82
	18,222

- Operating Expenditure for the year was \$197.4m;
- The City’s operating expenses included employee costs \$76.2m, parking levies paid to the State Government of \$17.4m and donations and sponsorships of \$5.1m;

- The net result for the year was a surplus of \$39.6m which included contributed assets of \$32.5m as a result of boundary changes legislated in the City of Perth Act. Excluding this adjustment, the surplus was \$7.1m;
- The balance sheet net assets increased to \$1.37 billion for 2016/17;
- The City's reserves increased by \$5.0m to \$93.2m. The reserves figure included the asset enhancement reserve \$28.8m, parking facilities development reserve \$22.3m and the parking levy reserve \$17.7m;
- Fixed Asset additions for the year were \$25.3m;
- The City's Fixed Assets were valued at over \$1.26 billion;
- The amount owing for rates debtors at the end of the year was \$281,242 which is 0.3% of rates revenue;
- The City had liabilities of \$11.5m for employee benefits at 30 June 2017 a \$1.3m reduction from the previous year; and
- The City had a net cash inflow of \$18.3m for the year.

4. General Business

The Chief Executive Officer provided an outline of the procedure for submitting questions to Council. There were two questions received on notice:

Question 1 from Jane Boxall of Nedlands

Question:

As Hollywood is already overwhelmed by through traffic and public parking on residential streets in relation to the huge QEII Health Campus and staff and visitor avoidance of the unreasonably high parking fees on the QEII site, has the City developed a traffic and parking strategy to cope with the imminent opening of the Perth Children's Hospital, such as exists around residential areas north of the CBD where many areas are zoned local resident parking only.

Response:

The City understands that residents are concerned about traffic management and parking around the QEII and Perth Children's Hospital. These facilities are of State significance and will continue to attract a number of staff and visitors to the City.

The City is continuing to work towards implementing its Transport Strategy to ensure an integrated approach is achieved. This includes public transport; walking and cycling; as well as road and parking facilities for cars.

In relation to parking within the Hollywood area the City uses a combination of limiting on-street parking to 1 hour as well as no-standing and no-parking zones to reduce parking on residential streets by staff and visitors to these major medical facilities. The City is in the process of investigating whether residential parking permits could also assist and the review will be by midyear. The City's Ranger Services are available to attend any specific parking issues that may arise from time to time.

Question 2 from Anna Vanderbom of Nedlands

Question:

Since there was to be no disadvantage to Subiaco residents being taken over by the City of Perth, can we assume that the weekend 97 bus service will be resumed before the opening of the Perth Children's Hospital which will exacerbate public transport needs?

Response:

The City of Perth remains committed to not disadvantaging former City of Subiaco residents who have now become residents of the City of Perth.

The City is also committed to implementing its Transport Strategy to improve transport across the City. This includes collaborating with State Government to integrate with and support public transport services.

Whilst this is the case, the City of Perth is not in a position to reinstate the weekend 97 bus service. This is because specific bus services are a State Government responsibility and are managed by Transperth. The City recommends that the elector contact Transperth directly about this issue. The City's Transport Strategy is available on the City's website.

The Lord Mayor invited questions from the floor.

There were no further questions received.

5. Closure

5.18pm The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.