



Minutes

Annual General Meeting of Electors

9 March 2020, 6.00pm

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Held in the Town Hall, City of Fremantle
on 9 March 2020 at 6.00 pm.

1. Official opening, welcome and acknowledgement

The Mayor, Dr Brad Pettitt declared the meeting open at 6.00 pm and welcomed members of the public to the meeting.

2. Attendance

Dr Brad Pettitt	Mayor
Mr Philip St John	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Glen Dougall	Director City Business
Mr Russell Kingdom	Acting Director Strategic Planning and Projects
Ms Michelle Brennand	Director Community Development
Mr Graham Tattersall	Director Infrastructure
Ms Charlie Clarke	Manager Governance
Mr Paul Dunlop	Manager Communications and Events

Electors

Marija Vujcic
David Trimble
Doug Thompson
Sarah Cole
Helen Cox
Brain Shearsmith
Frank Mofflin
Craig Ross
Roy Lewisson
Clayton Gunning
Shirley Burbidge
Andrew Sullivan
Neil Smithson
Robert Bodkin
Carissa Pèchè
Roel Loopers
Chris Grisewood
Elizabeth Megroz
Carolin Linge
Charles Nicholson
Alan Patne
Daniela Georgieva
Adin Lang
John Dowson
Bill Burbidge

Rachel Pemberton
Sharow Scott
Peter Scott
Chris Williams
Anne-Marie Marias
Andrew Luobikis
Catherine Dimanopoolos
Jeanette Shearsmith
Mark Woodcock
Brain Smith
Jenny Archibald
Su Groome
Bryn Jones
Sam Wainwright
Cynthia Mathelot
Helen McLeod

3. Presentation of the Annual Report

Director of City Business, Mr Glen Dougall gave a short presentation on the Annual Report 2018 - 2019.

Moved: Mayor Brad Pettitt

Seconded: Roel Loopers

That the City of Fremantle Annual Report 2018 - 2019, including financial statements and auditor's report, as attached to this agenda be received.

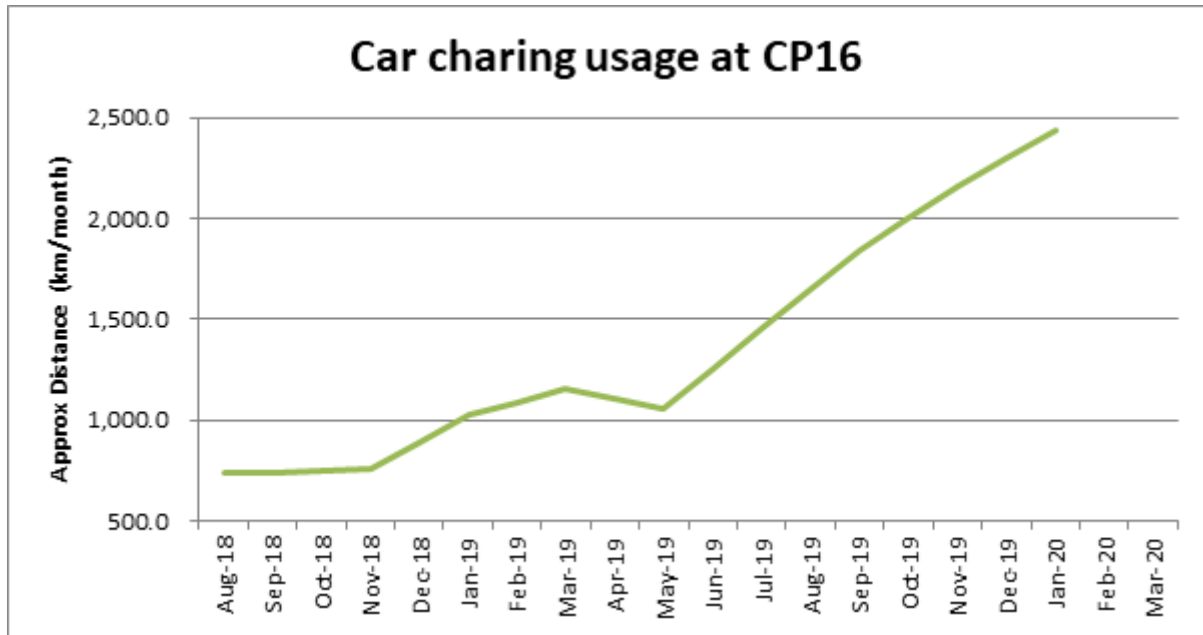
Carried by simple majority vote

4. Public question time

Questions from David Trimble

1. Does the City have any statistical information on the use of its 4 electric car charging points?
2. If yes, can the City please provide these details?

Response: We monitor the total energy consumed by these 4 chargers on a bimonthly basis. This can be converted into the number of kilometres of electric vehicle driving that this electricity provides. The chargers were installed in August 2019. In the first few months of operation the chargers provided approximately 750 km of electrical vehicle driving per month. In the last couple of months the chargers provided approximately 2,400 km of electrical vehicle driving per month which is a more than 300% growth. This costs approximately \$190 per month.



3. What is the City’ policy for the introduction of further electric charging points for the future?

Response: We have been working on the Parking Strategy which includes identification of the priority locations to consider additional electrical vehicle charging infrastructure. This is based on focusing on activity centres around the City.
We consider the suitability of installing electrical vehicle charging infrastructure as a part of the design process for all new car parks and on an as needs basis. No confirmed future installations are planned at this time, however future electrical vehicle charging stations will form part of the Parking Plan – preliminary research and planning is underway and indicative locations at key activity areas have been identified.

Questions from Peter Scott

What plans does the Council have in place for the expansion of the Fremantle Leisure Centre given that there is available space?

Response: Some work was undertaken in 2015 to look at how future plans might be considered. At the time it was proposed that the adjacent carpark could be sold for private development to provide funding, subject to planning review and on condition suitable carpark replacement could be provided in the redevelopment.

Further consideration of planning and funding is being considered in the current draft of the 10 year financial plan.

Questions from Shirley Burbidge

1. Is it possible to have the parking sign outside the Beaconsfield Hotel made larger? Too many ignore it and park before the permitted time?

Response: The City of Fremantle will replace/modify the sign to ensure all lettering is compliant and consistent.

2. Can the City provide more parking for Roundhouse Volunteers?

Response: The City of Fremantle will review parking arrangements in this location to establish whether suitable alternatives are available.

3. Why is Council changing the name of Kings Square when it is part of Fremantle's history?

Response: Council is proposing a community engagement process to consider and receive feedback on the suggestion to change the name of Kings Square. The engagement process will allow the community to make comment on the merits or otherwise of this proposal.

Questions from Chris Williams

1. Will the Council seek national heritage listing for the Roundhouse?

Response: The Council is considering the possibility of listing on the national heritage list.

2. How much is in this year's budget for the maintenance and restoration works on the Roundhouse?

Response: This question was taken on notice at the meeting. A written response will be provided to the speaker and recorded in the Ordinary Meeting of Council agenda of 15 April 2020.

Questions from Roel Loopers

Will Council be developing a 10, 15 or 20 year maintenance plan or masterplan for the Roundhouse and Arthur Head precinct?

Response: Conversations between the City of Fremantle and the State Government are ongoing about how we can share funding as the Roundhouse and Arthur Head are owned by the State Government.

We are currently working on a conservation plan with the State Government. This will help guide the state about future budgetary requirements.

The City of Fremantle will publish this plan once it is completed.

Questions from Carolin Linge

How can the Council of Fremantle override a vesting order (File No306/03) from the Governor of WA (16.12.1986) that states Wilson Park's purpose is for 'Recreation' only and using Wilson Park as a carpark is also a complete contradiction to the Council's greening Fremantle Strategy preservation of existing public green spaces?

Response: Wilson Park is vested for recreation; however in 2016 Council adopted a policy stating that we will open Wilson Park up for parking during the summer months until Easter time and during school holidays as incidental to the recreation which is allowed under the vesting.

As part of the greening strategy, Council has sectioned off and undertakes landscaping as part of that strategy to improve the park and protect it from any parking and to enhance its recreational use.

This is council's way of alleviating street parking for local residents at a very popular beach during high use times of the year.

A written response from the Parks Team about maintenance costs will be provided to the speaker and recorded in the Ordinary Meeting of Council agenda of 15 April 2020.

Questions from Helen McLeod

1. When will the council inform Fremantle ratepayers about the 'final' cost of the Kings Square development and could the council advise how much more the 'deficit' will be to the ratepayers of Fremantle?

Response: This question was asked at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 29 January 2020. A response to that question was provided in the Ordinary Meeting of Council agenda dated the 26 February 2020.

Expected renewal project costs are:	
Demolition	\$2.40m
building construction and fitout	\$44.98m
public realm (Business Plan)	\$2.20m
other public realm (trees and furniture)	\$0.50m
playground	\$0.40m
TOTAL	<u>\$50.48m</u>

2. The amount designated by Mr Dougall is much more than the original cost. What assets will be sold and by how much will my rates increase to accommodate the increase of approximately 6 million?

Response: The Business Plan for the Kings Square project was adopted in 2012. Council has allowed for CPI increases, which is how we get to the \$44.98 million building construction and fitout costs. It will be funded from the use of reserves from the sale of assets, including the Kings square car park, Queensgate cinema complex and the Spicer site property. We will also use loan borrowings of which the original business plan outlined \$15 million which has now increased to \$20 million and that will fund it.

Questions from Charles Nicholson

What is Council doing to provide adequate parking at Leighton beach for beachgoers, attendees at life-saving club events, café patrons and residents to reduce the punishment inflicted on them by parking inspectors (who are only 'doing their job'), this is a matter for our planners and engineers to fix?

Response: The City of Fremantle is currently talking to Fremantle Ports about the formalisation around the use of the informal car park area to the east of Port Beach Road. It's not the City of Fremantle's land it is owned by the Fremantle Ports, but we are negotiating with them on whether use of the land can be formalised.

Questions from Bill Burbidge

1. Is there any plan to repair the road surface of Hampton Road between Scott and Jenkins Streets, there are several pot holes, which have been very poorly filled and when winter comes they are going to get considerable worse?

Response: The City of Fremantle does have a large focus on Hampton Road in terms of improving pedestrian access and cycling facilities. We are trying to link the above design features into the maintenance and resurfacing program and deal with the type of traffic that moves along Hampton Road.

2. What is happening with the hospitality lease for Kings Square?

Response: This will be debated at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on the 25 March 2020. A decision will be made this month.

3. Is the City planning to fix the drainage issues at Fremantle Sailing Club? These have been a problem for many years.

Response: The City of Fremantle has received approval from the CEO of the Sailing Club to access the land and carry out the surveys to try and find out what the problems are.

Questions from Clayton Gunning

1. Since the plan for Fremantle Public Golf Course was announced that was actually going to shorten the course by 150m making it 300m shorter than Point Walter Public Golf Course has the plan been looked at?

Response: The City of Fremantle has received a lot of feedback in respect to the Golf Club. We are between two groups essentially. One is trying to address the requirements of the golf club and the replacement golf club and the friends of Booyeembara Park and the impact on Booyeembara Park.

We now have architectural consultants and golf course designers on board for the building and design and the golf course, they received your feedback. The building architects have only been on board since last week they are looking at the location for a joint golf club and community facility and that will determine the final lens. Once they determine the location of the facility and how it interacts with Booyeembara Park we will understand the final design and the whole lens, we can't move there yet as we only know the lines and the indicative lens.

The orientation of the driving range, the length of the driving range and the fencing requirements are also all being looked at.

Everything needs to be considered and the consultants are looking at this now. The output from all of this is that we expect that a workshop will take place in early April with all key stakeholders.

2. Is council aware that a golfer was recently bitten by an off-lead dog on Royal Fremantle Golf Course, if yes; is council going to act on it?

Response: The City of Fremantle is aware of a dog attack incident at the Royal Fremantle Golf Course where a member of the public was bitten, an investigation is taking place. We are discussing how we might resolve some of these issues. One of the early responses is to install more signage reminding dog owners that dogs need to be kept under control at all times when using the facility.

Questions from Anne-Marie Marias

What is the future of the Orient Hotel on High Street since the backpackers business has closed down a week ago?

Response: The City of Fremantle has been in contact with the property owner of the Orient to get a sense of their intentions now that the backpackers are closed. At this stage they are taking their time to work out what their options are and they haven't advised us of any immediate plans.

Questions from Sarah Cole

1. How important is public consultation to Council and how does Council decide how and who to consult with?

Response: The City of Fremantle has different consultation processes for different things. Broadly speaking everyone is encouraged and invited to participant. The primary way for most major developments is through MySay, which is an online portal. There are some other major consultation processes that happen if we are doing things that are more controversial. A good example of this is when we did the Freo Alternative, big ideas and small housing. During this we had a much more deliberative approach; we did community meetings and a wide range of other activities.

The local neighbourhood precincts are also used to engage the community. The City also has many different media platforms which allow us to communicate with the community and engage them during a consultation process.

2. Once you have made a submission to the City during the consultation process, how much credibility is given to your submission?

Response: These submissions and feedback are really important. It helps the Council and city officers understand where the Community is at. This feedback is always taken seriously.

Questions from Elizabeth Megroz

1. How often does the City attend to newly planted trees?
2. How long are dead trees left in the ground?
3. How much of ratepayers money has been spent on tree planting and maintenance in Charles Street in the last 10 years?
4. Who do I contact at the City to report a dead tree?

These questions were taken on notice at the meeting. A written response will be provided to the speaker and recorded in the Ordinary Meeting of Council agenda of 15 April 2020.

4. Acceptance of motions

Motion proposed by Andrew Luobikis

Moved: Andrew Luobikis

Seconded: Sarah Cole

That council:

- 1. Resolve to provide live streaming of council meetings including questions and deputations.**
- 2. That these recordings be available to the public via the website for minimum period of 3 months before being archived.**
- 3. That copies of these recordings will be available without restriction; and**
- 4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to immediately implement this resolution.**

Carried

Motion proposed by Anne-Marie Marias

Moved: Anne-Marie Marias

Seconded: Chris Grisewood

Council consider that a backpacker's type of business at the Orient Hotel in Henry Street has created so many problems to the community for the last few years. I trust that the planning/licencing department of the Council will be very cautious and wise in their decision making for a future venture for the Orient Hotel.

Carried

Motion proposed by Chris Williams

Moved: Chris Williams

Seconded: Mark Woodcock

Council:

- 1. Seek the Roundhouse be placed on the Australian Heritage List.**
- 2. Seeks to regularly commit extra funds to the maintenance and restoration of the Roundhouse the interpretation of the Roundhouse and its grounds.**

Carried

Motion proposed by John Dowson (Mr Dowson's motion was moved in 3 parts)

Moved: John Dowson

Seconded: Mark Woodcock

Roel Loopers requested that the motion be moved in four separate parts.

Moved: John Dowson

Seconded: Mark Woodcock

That Council engage the community regarding details of the final fitout and facilities for the new civic building (recently named Walyalup without community consultation)

The new civic building has been promoted in council documents as a 'cultural centre' and the Fremantle Society seeks, among other things:

- a) That the number of books intended for the new library be greater than the previous one in William Street.**

Carried

Moved: John Dowson

Seconded: Mark Woodcock

- b) That the Local History Library be at least as well resourced as the previous one, with the reinstatement of the second local history librarian dispensed with last year.**

Carried

Moved: John Dowson

Seconded: Mark Woodcock

- c) That adequate permanent displays feature in the new building to showcase Fremantle's history, and the gifts given to Council over the years, for example by the Fremantle family.**

Carried

Moved: John Dowson

Seconded: Mark Woodcock

- d) That there be adequate exhibition space to display, for example, part of the extensive Fremantle Art Collection.**

Carried

Shirley Burbidge asked if it would be appropriate that she raise a motion to explore the Naming of King Square.

Mayor, Brad Pettitt advised Mrs Burbidge that Council already had a motion dealing with this subject being presented to them for consideration through the Ordinary Council process.

Mrs Burbidge agreed that she didn't need to move a motion and would follow the outcome of the motion when it was presented to Council.

Motion proposed by Mark Woodcock

Moved: Mark Woodcock

Seconded: Andrew Luobikis

To improve family safety at port beach road, council to actively support the beach activities from Leighton to Port beach by increasing the car parking availability between said Beaches by at least 3x times current capacity, on the degraded land on the western side of port beach road and the Eastern side of the dune, where a small parcel of parking is presently. Currently Fremantle SLSC has approximately 1600 members providing water safety education for over 500 nippers and all associated water safety activities for the general public using these beaches during the summer season. Currently families are forced to cross a busy port beach road, when they are using the Port Authority land to park, as there is no alternative. On a regular Sunday the parking at Leighton beach is full by 7AM with nippers activities starting @8:30. SLSA supplies amazing world class training and water safety for free for all beach users, surely COF could provide better basic infrastructure @ the beach for all residents and our wonderful SLSC activities.

Carried

Motion proposed by Mark Woodcock

Moved: Mark Woodcock

Seconded: Andrew Luobikis

It is proposed that the City of Fremantle engage the Auditor General to conduct a Post Investment Review of the construction of the new Civic Administration building in Kings Square, and provide a public report as to whether it has been implemented in accordance with the approved 2012 Kings Square Business Case, and whether the \$50 million project investment has been in the best interest of Fremantle ratepayers.

The report should highlight any differences between the 2012 Business Case, as approved by Council, with particular focus on the following:

- Has the total cost of the Admin building been constrained to the cost stated in the 2012 Business Case, including all cost associated with the projects dating back to the approval of the Business Case by Council in early 2013?

- **Has the City of Fremantle been successful in delivering on its financial risk management strategy, where it clearly stated that all cost over-runs would be managed via a fixed price contract for the building construction, where the contractor would be liable for cost overruns – not the City of Fremantle?**
- **Was the Admin building funded via Project Financing, as clearly stated in the 2012 Business Case, whereby the project would not require funds to be drawn from the City’s other sources of financing. In other words, was any debt associated with the project ring-fenced to the project itself rather than putting an additional debt burden on Fremantle ratepayers?**

Carried

5. Closure

Mayor, Brad Pettitt declared the meeting closed at 7.30 pm