



MINUTES

Special Meeting of Electors

March 11, 2024

ATTENTION

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF ELECTORS
HELD AT THE MIDLAND TOWN HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON MONDAY MARCH 11, 2024 COMMENCING AT 6.00PM**

1 OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member, Mayor Tanya Richardson, welcomed those present and opened the meeting at 6.00pm.

Acknowledgement of Country

The City of Swan acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of this region, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar Nation and their continuing connection to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and their descendants.

2 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Those who participated as a verified elector registered prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Elected	Mayor T Richardson	Presiding Member
Members:	Cr I Johnson	Deputy Mayor, Midland/Guildford Ward
	Cr J Catalano	Altone Ward
	Cr A Dorn	Altone Ward
	Cr S Howlett	Midland/Guildford Ward
	Cr E Aringo	Pearce Ward (6.19pm)
	Cr A Bowman	Pearce Ward
	Cr C McCullough	Pearce Ward
	Cr R Henderson	Swan Valley/Gidgegannup Ward
	Cr C Zannino	Swan Valley/Gidgegannup Ward
	Cr D Knight	Whiteman Ward
	Cr H Miles	Whiteman Ward (6.01pm)

Elected Nil
Members:
(electronic)

Staff:	Mr S Cain	Chief Executive Officer
	Mr M Bishop	Executive Director Community Wellbeing
	Mr J Coten	Executive Director Operations
	Ms M Pickering	Executive Director Place Stakeholder Engagement
	Mr L van der Linde	Executive Director Planning & Development
	Ms V Hodgins	Manager Governance
	Ms D Hindge	Governance Officer - Committees (Minute Clerk)

Leave Nil
of Absence:

Apologies:	Cr R Predovnik	Midland/Guildford Ward
	Cr P Jones	Pearce Ward
	Cr J Singh	Altone Ward

Members 13
of the
Public:

Media: Nil.

3 PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

Consistent with section 5.28 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 16 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* a special meeting of the electors was held for the purpose of general business. As per the Request, the matters discussed at the meeting were those motions (34 – 46) that were submitted before the 5.00pm Friday February 2, 2024 deadline for the annual electors meeting that were not considered at the annual electors meeting.

3.1 MOTIONS FROM ELECTORS

Motions received in writing by the deadline were considered in the order they were received.

Gurdip Maan, Dayton

Motion 34:

For issues in regard to illegal parking on footpaths on streets of Dayton, Caversham and Bennett Springs be rectified so users can safely access the path, for example wheelchair users, carers with prams and pedestrians.

Reason: No information provided.

Mover: Gurdip Maan
Secunder: Lynn Deering
CARRIED (10/0)

Dianne Arvino – Secretary of the Bellevue Residents and Ratepayers Association, Bellevue

Motion 35:

The City of Swan employ a dedicated co-ordinator of the Urban Tree Canopy programme for plantings and maintenance, and maintain a register of plantings and survival rates by suburb.

Reason: The reason for this motion is that while the much needed canopy programme is motoring ahead with some momentum, it seems no one is looking in the rear vision mirror to monitor and maintain previous plantings. It is the hope that a dedicated coordinator will take responsibility for this and provide a continuity which we have not had previously with the everchanging staff allocated to this task.

Lack of continuity caused the Bellevue trees to be left off the watering schedule in their first and second years causing immediate losses. We are still experiencing issues with a blanket policy of we just water for two years which does not take into account the species and weather conditions. More Bellevue trees have now died which were in their third and fourth year which would have been avoided if a coordinator had monitoring on the maintenance schedule.

It does not make economic sense for the City to replace dead trees, which is the policy, when they die after three or four years when monitoring them and applying extra water when needed is a simple remedy, as replanting requires a capital cost and two years of more watering in adhoc locations. Eventually the Bellevue crepe myrtle trees will be drought tolerant and live for over a hundred years but they need more aftercare in the initial five years in monitoring water needs and removing suckers.

It is also apparent that Bellevue is not isolated in experiencing tree losses because of lack of after care and reiterate that employing the right person dedicated to the task that has a horticultural background and takes responsibility for the success measured in survival rates of the urban canopy plantings should remedy this problem. What is happening now clearly needs reviewing.

Mover: Dianne Arvino
Secunder: Deanna Rokich
CARRIED (12/0)

Gurdip Maan, Dayton

Motion 36:

To have one or two 24/7 ranger for the city that can deal with general noise, building noise construction, construction rubbish, parking issues on the spot and not weeks/months later.

Reason: To have one or two 24/7 ranger for the city that can deal with general noise, building noise construction, construction rubbish, parking issues on the spot and not weeks/months later.

Mover: Gurdip Maan
Secunder: Lynn Deering
CARRIED (11/0)

Gurdip Maan, Dayton

Motion 37:

For more canopy trees in the middle of roads of Dayton and at the entrances to Dayton, for example Arthur Street to look like Main Street in Ellenbrook, non-invasive root trees that do not affect the roads. Currently has paving in the middle of the road, if some blocks of pavers can be removed to add trees that would be great.

Reason: Not provided.

Mover: Gurdip Maan
Secunder: Lynn Deering
CARRIED (12/0)

Gurdip Maan, Dayton

Motion 38:

For rangers/patrollers to monitor builder's bins on rounds and if they are full/overflowing to alert/fine the builder instead of waiting for the bins to overflow and for litter to be everywhere on the streets and residents to complain and only to deal with it months later.

Reason: Example, I put a report in on November 16, 2023, already giving it a couple of months for builders to empty their overflowing bins but to no avail so lodged a report only to receive a call on February 2, 2024, saying an infringement was going to be issued.

Mover: Gurdip Maan
Secunder: Lynn Deering
CARRIED (9/0)

Gurdip Maan, Dayton

Motion 39:

For streets in Dayton where most building is going on to be swept at least fortnightly to avoid health and safety issues.

Reason: No grip when riding motorbikes due to sand on road.

Mover: Gurdip Maan
Secunder: Lynn Deering
CARRIED (9/0)

Gurdip Maan, Dayton

Motion 40:

Push for vacant lands (especially commercial) to be built with urgency to finish the development of the suburb.

Reason: Dayton for example - years of non-development of shopping centre sites.

Mover: Gurdip Maan
Seconded: Simon Ashby
CARRIED (10/0)

Gurdip Maan, Dayton

Motion 41:

Road on Arthur Street in Dayton very bumpy, and near community centre roundabouts, elbow of road drops, it has been refilled with gravel once but have seen Transperth bus dip when tyre is on edge of elbow, road isn't necessarily wide enough. Elbow of road should be developed and not refilled with gravel (once in 3.5 years).

Reason: Not provided.

Mover: Gurdip Maan
Seconded: Lynn Deering
CARRIED (10/0)

Tenielle Doutré, Brabham

Motion 42:

That the City of Swan initiates an amendment to its Local Planning Scheme to achieve tree protection on private property through the insertion of the following into Schedule A: Supplemental Provisions to the Deemed Provisions Clause 60A:

No person shall remove a tree (which includes ring barking, cutting down, topping, lopping, removing, pruning, transplanting, filling or excavating around, injuring, or wilful destruction) that meets the following criteria unless development approval has been granted in accordance with Part 8 of the Deemed Provisions:

- Tree height of 8m or greater; or
- Canopy width of 6m or greater; or

- A total trunk circumference of 1.5m, and where the tree has multiple trunks average trunk circumferences of 625mm, measured at 1.4m above ground level; or
- On a Significant Tree Register.

As Ms Doutré' was not present at the meeting, this motion was not moved.

Reason: No further information provided.

Tenielle Doutré, Brabham

Motion 43:

That the City of Swan commit to a tree canopy target of 30% by 2035 supported by appropriate planning, policy changes, funding, monitoring and annual reporting.

As Ms Doutré' was not present at the meeting, this motion was not moved.

Reason: We desperately need to increase our tree canopy.

Tenielle Doutré, Brabham

Motion 44:

That the City of Swan investigate potential options to incentivise property owners to:

- i. retain mature trees on their private property; and
- ii. plant shade trees that have the potential to grow to over 8 metres at maturity on their private property.

As Ms Doutré' was not present at the meeting, this motion was not moved.

Reason: We desperately need to increase our tree canopy.

Lynn Deering, Woodbridge on behalf of Smadar Turner, Swan View

Motion 45:

The CEO and delegates, along with the Council will not be able to overturn any lawful planning decision.

Motion withdrawn by Ms Deering.

Lee Syminton, Woodbridge

Motion 46:

1. That the City of Swan investigate and identify existing green corridors present in our city providing a report back to Council by August 2024. The report identify both existing green corridor connections that emanate from the Midland town centre and surrounding Wards of Midland/Guildford and Swan Valley/Gidgegannup as part of phase 1.
2. That the City of Swan undertake the feasibility of implementing a green corridor policy across the City of Swan, providing a report back to Council by December 2024.

As Ms Syminton was not present at the meeting, this motion was not moved.

4 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 6.23pm.