



MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held on
Tuesday, 30th June 2009
at 7.00 pm
City of Albany Council Chambers

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1.0 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 7:01PM

2.0 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE (PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)

Mayor M Evans, JP

Councillors:

Breaksea Ward	VACANT
Frederickstown Ward	VA Torr
Frederickstown Ward	D Price
Kalgan Ward	J Walker
Vancouver Ward	K Stanton
West Ward	D Dufty
West Ward	D Wolfe

Staff:

Chief Executive Officer	P Richards
Executive Director Corporate & Community Services	WP Madigan
Executive Director Works & Services	K Ketterer
Executive Director Development Services	R Fenn
Executive Manager Planning Services	G Bride
Manager Executive Services/Minutes	S Jamieson
Manager Finance	S Goodman
Senior Accounting Officer	P Wignall

Public Gallery and Media:

1 media representatives was in attendance; and
Approximately 11 members of the public.

Apologies/Leave of Absence:

Breaksea Ward	J Bostock
Vancouver Ward	R Paver
Kalgan Ward	R Buegge
Yakamia Ward	J Matla
Yakamia Ward	G Kidman

3.0 OPENING PRAYER

Councillor Walker read the opening prayer.

“Heavenly Father, we thank you for the beauty and peace of this area. Direct and prosper the deliberations of this Council for the advancement of the City and the welfare of its people. Amen.”

4.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Council's Standing Orders Local Laws provide that each Special Meeting of the Council shall make available a total allowance of 30 minutes, which may be extended at the discretion of Council, for residents in attendance in the public gallery to address clear and concise questions to His Worship the Mayor on matters relating to the business listed on the agenda.

Such questions should be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer, in writing, no later than 10.00am on the last working day preceding the meeting (the Chief Executive Officer shall make copies of such questions available to Members) but questions may be submitted without notice.

Each person asking questions or making comments at the Open Forum will be **LIMITED** to a time period of **4 MINUTES** to allow all those wishing to comment an opportunity to do so.

7:02 PM **Mr Sam Harma**

Mr Harma requested Council to consider a reduction in the lease fees to the Senior Citizen Centre.

Mr Harma stated that the centre caters for a membership base of 500, and that senior citizens are greatly affected by the current financial market and reminded council of the social importance of the institution.

Council could think of a reduction in lease fee as a donation to the senior citizens of the community.

7:05 PM **Mr John O'Dea**

Mr O'Dea requested Council to not invest the Cities money in off-shore funds and repeat the previous Councils poor decision to invest in off-shore investments.

That when Council consider the increase in rates that members of the community are battling to meet increased utilities costs and living expenses.

In relation to the Cull Road development, that the City should not have taken on the role of developer. In the event that the City decides to conduct further land development in the future, that the City either sells the land, or engages a developer to avoid possible conflict of interest (ensuring the regulatory function of the City is not compromised by an entrepreneurial activities of the city).

In closing Mr O'Dea wished the Council all best in meeting the challenges that will arise in the next 12 months.

Mayor response: Mayor thanked members of the public gallery for attending the Special Council meeting.

The Mayor thanked the CEO, Mr Paul Richards and all staff involved in scrutinizing and preparing the budget.

Open Forum closed at 7:08 PM.

5.0 DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

[Members of Council are asked to use the forms prepared for the purpose, aiding the proceedings of the meeting by notifying the disclosure by 3.00pm on that day.]

7:12 PM CEO received declarations of **FINANCIAL** interest from all Councillors present.

Name	Item Number	Nature of Interest
Mayor and all Councillor present	Item 6.1 Item 6.2	Financial. Financial interest in common for rates and all elected members receive meeting fee allowances. Elected members remained in the Chamber.

6.0 ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

6.1 Review of method of payment of members' sitting fees.

CEO requested that the proposed review of the method of payment of elected members' sitting fees has been laid on the table.

ITEM 6.1

MOVED COUNCILLOR PRICE

SECONDED MAYOR EVANS

THAT ITEM 6.1 IS LAID ON THE TABLE.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

6.2 Review the proposed 2009/10 Budget.

The Mayor requested Councillors to present any questions or points of clarification on the contents of the Draft 2009/10 Budget.

7:31 PM EDDS Proposed additional fees and charges to be appended to the schedule of fees and charges, on page 102 of the budget:

**ITEM 6.2 – OFFICER RECOMMENDATION
VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY**

**MOVED COUNCILLOR PRICE
SECONDED MAYOR EVANS**

THAT ADDITIONS be made to the Schedule of Fees and Charges by inserting under “Planning” the following:

Non complying development (in accordance with Land Administrative Act 1997)

Failing to comply with a written direction (s. 214)	\$500
Contravention of a Town Planning Scheme (s. 218)	\$500
Undertaking development in a Development Control Area without prior approval (s. 220)	\$500
Contravening an Interim Development Order (s. 221)	\$500

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

ITEM 6.2 - PROPOSED 2009/10 BUDGET.

**MOVE MAYOR EVANS
SECONDED COUNCILLOR WALKER**

THAT ITEM 6.2 – PROPOSED DRAFT 2009/2010 BE RECEIVED.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

7.0 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7:40 PM.

Confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Milton John Evans, JP
MAYOR