



SPECIAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

Date & Means of Public Notification: Public Notices published in the *Bunbury Mail* on Wednesday, 5 September 2007 and in the *South Western Times* on Thursday, 6 September 2006. Notices also placed on notice boards at the Council Administration Centre and City Libraries.

Minutes of a Special Meeting of Electors called pursuant to Section 5.28 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and held on Thursday, 20 September 2007 in the Municipal Chambers Building, 2 Stephen Street, Bunbury to discuss the final draft of the City Vision Strategy.

MINUTES 20 September 2007

1. OPEN MEETING

The Presiding Member, His Worship the Mayor - Mr David Smith, declared the meeting open at 5.32pm and welcomed those in attendance.

2. REGISTER OF ATTENDANCES & APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Bunbury City Council Representatives:

Mayor David Smith (Presiding)
Councillor Shane Rooney
Councillor Alfred Leigh
Councillor Tom Dillon
Councillor Wayne Major

Bunbury Electors (approx. 29 - refer to list at Appendix 1)

City of Bunbury Representatives:

Mr Greg Trevaskis, Chief Executive Officer
Ms Denise Ryan, Administration Officer

APOLOGIES

Councillor T Smith

3. CONDUCT OF THE MEETING

The Mayor advised that the meeting had been convened in response to a petition received under Section 5.28 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and will be run pursuant to Sections 5.30 and 5.31 of the Act (and associated regulations).

Any motions passed by electors at the meeting will be referred (in the form of recommendations) to the meeting of the Bunbury City Council on 16 October 2007. The Mayor requested electors to refrain from casting personal aspersions when addressing the meeting and to speak only to the issue listed in the "Purpose of the Meeting" section of the meeting agenda.

4. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

The meeting was requested by electors under Section 5.28 of the Local Government Act 1995, to discuss *"Matters related to the status of the final draft of the City Vision Strategy voted on by the Bunbury City Council at its Council Meeting on 28 August 2007."*

5. QUESTIONS OF WHICH PRIOR NOTICE HAS BEEN RECEIVED

No questions had been received 'on notice' from electors.

6. MOTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

The following motion was moved Mr Rob Nicholson, seconded Mr Cornelis Bauer and carried by those present to become a formal recommendation from the electors of Bunbury to the Bunbury City Council:

Recommendation 1

- 1. The Bunbury City Council to rescind its endorsement of the City Vision Strategy until the completion of a 4-week public comment phase - any submissions received are to be referred to a meeting of the Council together with comments supplied by the City's executive staff and/or consultants.**
- 2. The City of Bunbury to table for public information, any legal opinions received in relation to the City Vision Strategy.**
- 3. The Bunbury City Council to confirm that should it refuse to call for public submissions as requested in Part 1 above, the City Vision Strategy will not be cited (in any agenda item) in order to deny or alter any Development Approval that is allowable under the existing Town Planning Scheme.**

A summary of the discussion in support of the motion, is as follows:

- Although an extensive amount of public consultation (including numerous workshops) took place during the drafting of the City Vision Strategy, the draft document (in its entirety) should now be put out for public comment so that those members of the community that gave input can ascertain what components of the Strategy have been amended, added or deleted since their involvement in the drafting stage.
- The community needs to see a detailed report on the methods used to determine the content and format of the final draft of the City Vision Strategy (i.e., technical information) as well as a break-down of the costs involved with the project.
- Many residents of Bunbury do not take the time to read documents publicly advertised by the City. To ensure increased feedback from the public, the City needs to explore methods of making members of the community aware of the different components of the City Vision Strategy (and how their neighbourhood is likely to be affected by it).
- It was pointed out that the City Vision project has taken some years to reach this point and new residents to Bunbury (who could not take part in the initial public consultation phase) may have some important points to add before the document is formally adopted by the Bunbury City Council.

The following point was raised against Part 3 of the motion (the Mayor advised the speaker that it would be included as a comment in the meeting minutes):

- The City Vision document should not be cited in order to deny or alter any Development Approval allowable under the existing Town Planning Scheme regardless of whether or not, the Council decides to rescind its adoption of the strategy document and allow the requested 4-week public consultation phase.

Part 1. of the following motion was moved Mr Noel Whittle, seconded Mr Rob Nicholson. During discussion, an amendment (i.e., Part 2) was suggested by Mr Brendan Kelly and the mover and seconder agreed to incorporate it within their motion.

The motion was put to the vote and carried by those present to become a formal recommendation from the electors of Bunbury to the Bunbury City Council:

Recommendation 2

- 1. The City of Bunbury to distribute a questionnaire to all residents affected by the proposed Tree Street Heritage Precinct in order to establish the percentage of residents that are in agreement with the City Vision Strategy proposals for the area.**
- 2. The results of the survey to be printed for public information in the "City Beat".**

A summary of discussion in support of the motion, is as follows:

- It is unfair for the Tree Street area to be segregated and given special attention by the City when other areas of historic or heritage significance in Withers, Carey Park or East Bunbury have not.
- Electors are concerned that if Tree Street becomes a heritage precinct nominated in the City Vision Strategy, all building or development applications in the area will involve additional layers of statutory compliance - possibly involving a Heritage Architect and certainly at added expense to the home owner.
- The residents of this precinct should be surveyed and if the majority do not support the concept of a "Heritage Precinct" then the City should not pursue it - there is no point in the City trying to enforce the concept onto an antagonistic population. No planner should be apprehensive about doing a survey of this kind.
- Some guidelines need to be put in place to protect buildings of heritage status and to protect the overall appearance and individual character of the Tree Street area; but the residents of the area should certainly have some say as to what these guidelines should be.
- An elector doubted that the Council will successfully manage the Tree Street as a heritage area based on some of its previous decisions connected with other heritage assets such as Pioneer Park, the Old Drill Hall and Anzac Park.

7. GENERAL QUESTIONS

There being no further motions from the floor - the Mayor permitted general questions

- (a) In response to question as to why the final draft of the City Vision Strategy was not automatically put out for public comment - the Mayor advised (in summary) that:
- The City Vision Project has been ongoing for many years and its individual components have involved extensive public consultation (including numerous public workshops).
 - The individual components of the City Vision Strategy will now need to be reviewed by the Council and officers of the City of Bunbury; and the City's Town Planning Scheme amended or a new Town Planning Scheme developed. Each Scheme amendment can take up to 12 months to finalise and includes a public consultation phase so Bunbury residents still have the opportunity to comment.

- There is a sense of urgency by the current Council to finalise the draft stage of the City Vision Project (which has been going on for some years now) as a new Council is due to be voted in during October 2007.
 - The members of the new Council will not be deprived of having input into the City Vision Project as they will still have the opportunity to vote on the different components of the City Vision Strategy as they are brought before the Council in the form of Scheme amendments or the formation of the new Town Planning Scheme No. 8.
- (b) In response to a query concerning why the "limestone" boulders lining the beachfront along Ocean Drive (part of the Coastal Enhancement Project) appear to be coffee rock, the Mayor advised that the project was overseen by a Project Control Group comprising elected members, officers and experts. This group would have made this decision due to a change in the ready availability or price of materials that occurred between the time of conception of the project and its actual completion.
- (c) In response to a question on how developers are going to use the City Vision Strategy - the Mayor advised that the guide for developers will remain Town Planning Scheme No. 7. The City Vision Strategy will be used by the Council to make amendments to that Scheme (or to create a new Town Planning Scheme).

The Council will only refer to the City Vision Document where a development application is not bound by the guidelines of the existing Town Planning Scheme. In other words, the Council will use the Strategy as a Policy document only - it is not a statutory document in its own right.

8. CLOSE OF MEETING

Before closing the meeting, the Mayor confirmed that the motions passed by electors at the meeting will be referred (in the form of recommendations) to the meeting of the Bunbury City Council on 16 October 2007.

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6.45pm.

APPENDIX 1

City of Bunbury
Special Meeting of Electors
20 September 2007

LIST OF ELECTORS

	NAME	ADDRESS
1.	Brendan Kelly	10 Turner Street, Bunbury, 6230
2.	Ross Slater	5/173 Ocean Drive, Bunbury, 6230
3.	Kimberley Ranson	18 Tingle Street, Bunbury, 6230
4.	Geoffrey Workman	25 Picton Crescent, Bunbury, 6230
5.	Terri Earl	35 Minninup Road, Bunbury, 6230
6.	Sandra Prosser	20A Picton Crescent, Bunbury, 6230
7.	Don Fotakis	1/25 Austral Parade, Bunbury, 6230
8.	Daniel McDonald	17 Churchill Drive, Bunbury, 6230
9.	Simon Mountain	2 Palm Street, Bunbury, 6230
10.	Paul Foley	6 Banksia Street, Bunbury, 6230
11.	Anthony Harris	5 Karri Street, Bunbury, 6230
12.	Alec Piper	13 Banksia Street, Bunbury, 6230
13.	Allan Birrell	15 Stirling Street, Bunbury, 6230
14.	L Ritchie	80 Dunstan Street, Bunbury, 6230
15.	Hugh Ravening	106 Minninup Road, Bunbury, 6230
16.	Susan Gelmi	18 Picton Crescent, Bunbury
17.	Cornelis Bauer	11 Trinity Rise, Bunbury
18.	Wenda Prichard	147 Stirling Street, Bunbury, 6230
19.	Malcolm Prichard	147 Stirling Street, Bunbury, 6230
20.	Tresslyn Smith	8 Picton Crescent, Bunbury, 6230
21.	Amanda Whittle	12 Banksia Street, Bunbury, 6230
22.	Noel Whittle	12 Banksia Street, Bunbury, 6230
23.	Robert Nicholson	2/13 Victoria Street, Bunbury, 6230
24.	Wayne Hayres	6 Tuart Street, Bunbury, 6230
25.	Steve Prosser	20A Picton Crescent, Bunbury, 6230
26.	Jeff Hayres	32 Simpson Avenue, Bunbury, 6230
27.	Ralph Condello	1A Roberts Crescent, Bunbury, 6230
28.	Maggie Kennedy-Piper	13 Banksia Street, Bunbury, 6230
29.	Patricia Foley	6 Banksia Street, Bunbury, 6230