



TOWN OF
VICTORIA PARK

Agenda Briefing Forum

Meeting notes – 1 October 2019



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Please be advised that an **Agenda Briefing Forum** was held at **6:30 pm** on **Tuesday 1 October 2019** in the **Council Chambers**, Administration Centre at 99 Shepperton Road, Victoria Park.

His Worship the Mayor Trevor Vaughan
4 October 2019

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1 About the Agenda Briefing Forum

The purpose of the Agenda Briefing Forum is to ask questions and seek clarity on the draft Ordinary Council Meeting agenda, in line with the Agenda Briefing, Concept Forum and Council Workshops Policy.

The meeting is open to all members of the public, except during the consideration of matters deemed confidential in line with the *Local Government Act 1995*.

Members of the public that are directly impacted by an item on the agenda may participate in the meeting through any of the following methods.

1. Deputation

A deputation is a presentation made by a group of between two and five people affected (adversely or favourably) by a matter on the agenda. A [Deputation Form](#) must be submitted to the Town no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting and is to be approved by the Chief Executive Officer.

2. Presentation

A presentation is a submission made by an individual affected (adversely or favourably) by a matter on the agenda. A [Presentation Form](#) must be submitted to the Town no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting and is to be approved by the Chief Executive Officer.

All others may participate in the meeting during the allotted Public Participation Time. While it is not required, members of the public are encouraged to submit their questions and statements in advance by [email](#) or by completing the [Public Question/ Statement Form on the Town's website](#). Please note that questions and statements related to an agenda item will be considered first. All those dealing with matters of a general nature will be considered in the order in which they have been received.

For any questions regarding the Agenda Briefing Forum or any item presented in the draft agenda, please contact the Governance team at GovernanceVicPark@vicpark.wa.gov.au

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Noting that the Agenda Briefing Forum is only for the purpose of seeking further information on the draft Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda, and does not constitute a decision-making forum, any person or entity who has an application or submission before the Town must not rely upon officer recommendations presented in the draft agenda. Written notice of the Council's decision, and any such accompanying conditions, will be provided to the relevant person or entity following the Ordinary Council Meeting.

2 Opening

Mayor Trevor Vaughan opened the meeting at 06:30 pm.

Acknowledgement of the traditional owners

I am not a Nyungar man, I am a non-Indigenous man. I am honoured to be standing on Whadjuk - Nyungar country on the banks of the Swan River.

Ngany yoowart Noongar maam, ngany wadjella maam. Ngany djerapiny Wadjak – Noongar boodja-k yaakiny, nidja bilya bardook.

I acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and respect past, present and emerging leaders, their continuing cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land, which continues to be important today.

Ngany kaaditj Noongar moort keny kaadak nidja Wadjak Noongar boodja. Ngany kaaditj nidja Noongar birdiya – koora, ye-ye, boorda, baalapiny moorditj Noongar kaaditjin, moort, wer boodja ye-ye.

I thank them for the contribution made to life in the Town of Victoria Park and to this region.

Ngany youngka baalapiny Noongar birdiya wer moort nidja boodja.

3 Announcements from the Presiding Member

3.1 Purpose of the Agenda Briefing Forum

The purpose of this forum is to provide an opportunity for Elected Members to ask questions and obtain additional information on officer reports in the draft Ordinary Council Meeting agenda. It is not a decision-making forum, nor is it open for debate.

Members of the public that may be directly affected by an item on the agenda can make presentations, deputations, statements, and ask questions, prior to the matter being formally considered by Council at the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

3.2 Notice of recording and live-streaming

All participation in the meeting will be audio recorded and live-streamed on the Town's website. The live-stream will be archived and made available on the Town's website after the meeting.

3.3 Conduct of meeting

All those in attendance are expected to extend due courtesy and respect to the meeting by refraining from making any adverse or defamatory remarks regarding Council, the staff or any elected member. No one shall create a disturbance at a meeting by interrupting or interfering with the proceedings through expressing approval or dissent, by conversing, or by any other means.

All questions and statements made by members of the public are not to personalise any elected member or

member of staff. Questions and statements are to be directed to the Presiding Member, who may choose to call upon an officer of the Town, or another elected member, to assist with responses.

3.4 Public participation time

There are two opportunities to ask questions and make statements at the beginning and at the end of the meeting. Each public participation time will be held for 30 minutes. Any additional time must be by agreement from the meeting and will be in five-minute increments.

In line with the intended purpose of the Agenda Briefing Forum, questions and statements relating to an agenda item will be considered first. All others will be considered in the order in which they are received.

3.5 Questions taken on notice

Responses to questions taken on notice that relate to an agenda item will be presented in the officer report for the Ordinary Council Meeting agenda under the heading 'Further consideration'.

Responses to general matters taken on notice will be made available in the relevant Ordinary Council Meeting agenda under the section 'Responses to public questions taken on notice'.

4 Attendance

Mayor	Mr Trevor Vaughan
Banksia Ward	Cr Claire Anderson Cr Ronhhda Potter Cr Karen Vernon
Jarrah Ward	Cr Jennifer Ammons Noble Cr Bronwyn Ife Cr Brian Oliver Cr Vicki Potter
Chief Executive Officer	Mr Anthony Vuleta
A/Chief Operations Officer A/Chief Financial Officer Chief Community Planner	Mr Gregor Wilson Mr Graham Pattrick Ms Natalie Martin Goode
A/Manager Development Services Manager Governance and Strategy	Ms Laura Sabitzer Ms Danielle Uniza
Secretary	Mr Liam O'Neill

4.1 Apologies

Banksia Ward
Chief Financial Officer
Chief Operations Officer
Manager Development Services

Cr Julian Jacobs
Mr Michael Cole
Mr Ben Killigrew
Mr Robert Cruickshank

4.2 Approved leave of absence

5 Declarations of interest

Declaration of interest affecting impartiality

Name/Position	Cr Karen Vernon
Item No/Subject	11.6 No. 156 (Lot: 1) Orrong Road, Lathlain for proposed Telecommunications Tower
Nature of interest	Impartiality
Extent of interest	Peter Ward who is providing a deputation for the applicant is known to me as another legal practitioner.

6 Public participation time

Sam Zammit

1. *In relation to the unsolicited offer to purchase the car park. Has any officer met or discussed the land with the proponent?*

The Chief Executive Officer advised that meetings have occurred with the proponent.

2. *How did the Town come to own the land? Were there houses there originally?*

The question was taken on notice.

3. *What does the Town need the money for?*

Mayor Trevor Vaughan advised that this has not yet been discussed.

4. *The community has owned this land for quite some time. If we wanted the cash, it would be good to get it when land prices are up. Do you agree?*

Mayor Trevor Vaughan did not provide an answer and advised that this matter is subject to a Council decision.

5. *What will ratepayers received for this?*

Mayor Trevor Vaughan stated that the price offered is above market value.

6. *Have you read the objection provided by Chris Eaton?*

Mayor Trevor Vaughan said yes.

Mr Zammit stated that he supported Chris Eaton's submission. He then made a statement regarding a member of staff and was requested by the Presiding Member to avoid personalising remarks.

7. *Is the Property Development Manager required to make a certain amount of money to keep his job?*

Mayor Trevor Vaughan stated no.

8. *What does the Property Development Manager do – just sell land?*

The Chief Executive Officer outlined the Property Development Manager's role. He noted that it is responsible for finding alternative revenue streams. This to ensure that the Town does not only rely rates to reduce the rate burden on the community. He further advised that the Property Development Manager has a commercial background which allows him to provide advice which ensures that the Town gets a good return on land transactions.

Mr Zammit stated that he hopes revenue comes in from Edward Millen house.

9. *I have discussed the name early settlers with you previously, will you bring it back?*

Mayor Trevor Vaughan said that this will be considered.

Mike Lanternier

Mr Lanternier made a statement that rates have been extremely high for years, reflecting that the Land Asset Optimisation Strategy (LAOS) has not resulted in reduced rates.

Mr Lanternier made a further statement that the sale of Town land is not working, and that ratepayers are not consulted enough. He believes it be unfair that people aren't consulted appropriately on these matters.

1. *How many meetings has the Town had with the City of South Perth and what is the Town's involvement with the Collier Park pool?*

The Chief Executive Officer responded that the Town has had a number of meetings and discussions with the City of South Perth. The City of South Perth have presented to Council and a further meeting is forthcoming following a resolution at the recent City of South Perth Council meeting.

2. *What has the Town agreed to?*

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the Town has agreed to nothing at this time.

7 Presentations

Item	Presenter
11.2	Nathan Stewart - Rowe Group
11.6	Andrew Lozyk - Dog House Cafe

8 Deputations

Item	Presenter
11.3	Andrew Peirce
11.4	Kris Nolan - Urbis
11.6	Chris and Ian Chang
11.6	Peter Ward - Francis Burt Chambers

9 Method of dealing with agenda business

Mayor Trevor Vaughan brought item 11.6 forward for consideration due to the significant number of presenters and deputations on the matter.

10 Chief Executive Officer reports

10.1 Quarterly reporting - October 2019

Questions and responses

Deputy Mayor Vicki Potter

1. There are two items relating to the Hubert Street Carpark in the Corporate Business Plan report. One is complete and one is not, which is correct and is this a mistake?

The Chief Executive Officer advised that it by mistake that two entries were included. The correct version is the one that is completed.

Cr Claire Anderson

1. In relation to the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan, there is a mention of an upgrade of ACROD bays that is a short distance from Albany Highway. I am requesting some further information regarding ACROD bays on Albany Highway. What are the issues and standards for ACROD bays on Albany Highway?

The Chief Community Planner noted that the report itself refers to ACROD bays on Mackie Street, which is within 100 metres of Albany Highway, near the Noho Restaurant; there are some 90 degree bays. The Chief Community Planner advised she is aware that there may already be an ACROD bay in those 90 degree bays on Mackie Street. In terms of standards, it is unusual to have parallel ACROD bays however they can exist.

10.2 Communications and Engagement Policy Adoption

Questions and responses

Cr Jennifer Ammons Noble

1. In attachment 10.2.6 page 2. There is a very colourful graph. Can we get some commentary around the information provided?

The Chief Executive Officer advised that percentages will be added to the graph to clarify the information presented.

2. In the draft policy attached as 10.2.2 on the officer report, point 3 speaks about providing additional communication following decisions of Council. I've noticed in some agendas I have read, officer reports have information about what communication will be conducted following a Council decision. I wonder if there has been any discussion around this in preparing the draft policy?

The Chief Executive Officer advised this is included in the draft management practice associated with the policy. He noted, however, that further information can also be included in the Council report.

Cr Brian Oliver

1. In relation to the draft policy, has consideration been given to shorten the policy statement?

The Chief Executive Officer advised that consideration will be given to shorten the policy statement.

11 Chief Community Planner Reports

11.1 51 Streatly Road, Lathlain - Perth Royals Football Club (Inc). Application for an extended trading permit - January to March

Questions and responses

Cr Jennifer Ammons Noble

1. In relation to the issues identified in the report with illegal parking on residential verges, has any action been taken?

The Acting Manager Development Services advised that the club has agreed to ask its members to avoid parking near residents' houses. The officer recommendation also contains proposed conditions which can help deal with such complaints.

2. Just to clarify – there has been no action taken by the Town itself?

The Acting Manager Development Services advised that no action has been taken by the Town; the only action taken has been by the club.

11.2 No. 15 (Lot 25) Brodie-Hall Drive, Bentley - Additions and Alterations to Existing Research and Development Facility

A deputation was received from Nathan Stewart from the Rowe Group in support of the officer's recommendation.

Mr Anthony Vuleta left the meeting at 7:26pm.

Mr Anthony Vuleta returned to the meeting at 7:28pm.

Questions and responses

Cr Claire Anderson

1. In the attachments, the traffic impact statement says "we accept the condition requiring tree protection zones as a result we foresee minimal trees will be removed" – I can't see where this is included in the proposed conditions?

The Acting Manager Development Services advised that tree protection zone (TPZ) mentioned relates the original development application which is proposed for modification. As a component of the original construction works undertaken, a TPZ was required.

11.3 Lot 170 State Street, Victoria Park - Intention to dedicate as private road

A deputation was received from Andrew Pierce, acting on behalf of the applicant, in support of the officer's recommendation.

Questions and responses

Deputy Mayor Vicki Potter

1. Can the plans for all the elevations of the buildings be provided for the OCM agenda?

The Acting Manager of Development Services advised that those plans can be provided for the Ordinary Council Meeting.

11.4 547-553 (Lot 929) Albany Highway, Victoria Park - Retrospective Approval for Alterations to Building Facade

There were no questions asked or presentations made in relation to this item.

11.5 10 (Lot 801) Mint Street, East Victoria Park - Application for Residential Building (Short Term Accommodation)

This item was withdrawn by the Chief Executive Officer, at the request of the applicant.

11.6 No. 156 (Lot: 1) Orrong Road, Lathlain for proposed Telecommunications Tower

A presentation was received from Andrew Lozyk, from Dog House café, in opposition to the officer's recommendation.

A deputation was received from Chris and Ian Chang, business operators in opposition to the officer's recommendation.

A deputation was received from Marise Brown in opposition to the officer's recommendation.

A deputation was received from Peter Ward, from the Francis Burt Chambers, in support of the officer's recommendation.

Questions and responses

Cr Ronhhda Potter

1. Do you have any information on how many times a decision by a Council to reject approval for a mobile phone tower has been overturned by SAT?

The Acting Manager Development Services advised that according to the planning consultant representing the Council in the SAT appeal, appeals of this nature are generally overturned at SAT. However, further information can be provided prior to the Ordinary Council Meeting.

Mayor Trevor Vaughan

2. What do you mean by overturned, they support the towers?

The Acting Manager Development Services advised that yes, in cases where a Council has refused a mobile phone tower, SAT has overturned the decision to be a decision of approval.

Cr Bronwyn Ife

1. How large a peppermint tree are we talking for \$2,500?

The Acting Chief Operations Officer advised that it would probably be a maximum of a 500 litre tree, up to 5 meters.

12 Chief Operations Officer reports

Nil.

13 Chief Financial Officer reports

13.1 Schedule of Accounts for August 2019

There were no questions asked or presentations made in relation to this item.

13.2 Financial statements for the month ending 31 August 2019

There were no questions asked or presentations made in relation to this item.

15 Questions from members without notice on general matters

Cr Claire Anderson

1. I have a question in relation to the Urban Forest Strategy. Is the \$1m allocated for the Urban Forest Strategy affected by the 0% rate increase?

The Acting Chief Financial Officer advised that the \$1m for the Urban Forest Strategy was not touched as a result of the decision to not have a rate increase this financial year.

16 Public participation time

Luana Lisandro

1. My question relates to the Land Asset Optimisation Strategy. Given the officer has done extensive work to that strategy and has identified parcels of land, what is the total number of land assets that the Town holds in quantity and value? What value has the land sold for in the past?

The Chief Executive Officer took the question on notice. He also noted that the Land Asset Optimisation Strategy (LAOS) was developed by a consultant a few years ago. The Chief Executive Officer further noted that the Land Asset Optimisation Strategy (LAOS) does not just focus on selling land assets but also on obtaining leases for ongoing income. Additionally, it looks at repurposing money to purchase land.

2. Is there a breakdown of land that could be potentially sold within the strategy?

The Chief Executive Officer advised that potential land uses are identified within the LAOS.

3. The Corporate Business Plan (CBP) identifies climate change as a key global context issue. It does not, however, mention young people – just the elderly – when will this be corrected?

The Chief Executive Officer advised the CBP is currently under a comprehensive review and that the feedback will be taken on board.

A statement was made in regards to planting further trees near the site of the proposed mobile phone tower.

Sam Zammit

A statement was made in relation to community safety and the previous safety committee.

1. Do you know how many trees there are in the Town?

The Acting Chief Operations Officer advised that there are approximately 16,000 verge trees and 5,000 park trees in the Town.

2. What do you expect that to be in 4 years' time?

The Acting Chief Operations Officer advised that it is expected to increase significantly; however, did not wish to speculate on the exact number.

3. Will it double, triple?

The Acting Chief Operations Officer stated that he did not want to speculate.

4. How much will it cost to maintain these trees?

The Acting Chief Operations Officer advised that the Town currently spends \$1.3m on tree maintenance; there will certainly be an increase in maintenance cost if more trees are planted.

A statement was made regarding the closing of Council meetings for confidential items.

Mayor Trevor Vaughan advised that parts of meetings are closed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995*.

17 Confidential matters

Nil.

18 Closure

There being no further business, Mayor Trevor Vaughan closed the meeting at 7:46 pm.