



City of Nedlands

# ***Minutes***

## ***Special Council Meeting***

***14 June 2011***

### ***ATTENTION***

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## City of Nedlands

**Minutes of a special meeting of Council held on Tuesday 14 June 2011 in the Council Chambers at 71 Stirling Highway, Nedlands at 8.54 pm for the purpose of discussing the proposed amalgamation between the City of Nedlands and the City of Subiaco.**

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### **Declaration of Opening**

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 8.54 pm and drew attention to the disclaimer below.

(NOTE: Council at its meeting on 24 August 2004 resolved that should the meeting time reach 11.00 p.m. the meeting is to consider an adjournment motion to reconvene the next day).

### **Present and Apologies and Leave Of Absence (Previously Approved)**

<b>Councillors</b>	Her Worship the Mayor, S A Froese	(Presiding Member)
	Councillor K E Collins	Coastal Districts Ward
	Councillor N B J Horley	Coastal Districts Ward
	Councillor K A Smyth	Coastal Districts Ward
	Councillor I S Argyle	Dalkeith Ward
	Councillor R M Hipkins (until 9.35 pm)	Dalkeith Ward
	Councillor M S Negus	Dalkeith Ward
	Councillor J D Bell	Hollywood Ward
	Councillor R M Binks	Hollywood Ward
	Councillor B G Hodsdon	Hollywood Ward
	Councillor M L Somerville-Brown	Melvista Ward
	Councillor I Tan	Melvista Ward
	Councillor B Tyson	Melvista Ward

<b>Staff</b>	Mr GT Foster	Chief Executive Officer
	Ms C Eldridge	Director Development Services
	Mr M Cole	Director Corporate Services
	Mr I Hamilton	Director Technical Services
	Ms D Blake	Director Community & Strategy
	Ms S Love	Executive Assistant

**Public** There were 9 members of the public present, including 1 staff member.

**Press** The Post Newspaper and Western Suburbs Weekly representatives.

**Leave of Absence (Previously Approved)** Nil.

**Apologies** Nil.

**Absent** Nil.

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### **1. Public Question Time**

Nil.

### **2. Addresses by Members of the Public**

Addresses by the following members of the public who had completed Public Address Session Forms were made at this point.

Mr K Eastwood, 7 Alexander Place, Dalkeith Item 6  
(Spoke in support of the item)

The Presiding Member granted Mr Eastwood an additional 2 minutes to conclude his public address.

**3. Disclosures of Financial Interest**

The Presiding Member reminded Councillors and Staff of the requirements of Section 5.65 of the *Local Government Act* to disclose any interest during the meeting when the matter was discussed.

There were no disclosures of financial interest.

**4. Disclosures of Interests Affecting Impartiality**

The Presiding Member reminded Councillors and Staff of the requirements of Council's Code of Conduct in accordance with Section 5.103 of the *Local Government Act*.

There were no disclosures of interest affecting impartiality.

**5. Declarations by Members That They Had Not Given Due Consideration to Papers**

Nil.

**6. Proposed amalgamation between the City of Nedlands and the City of Subiaco**

On 3 June 2011 Mr G Foster, Chief Executive Officer received a request from Councillors Hipkins, Argyle, Tyson and Collins, in accordance with section 5.4 of the *Local Government Act 1995* calling for a special meeting of Council for the purpose of discussing the proposed amalgamation between the City of Nedlands and the City of Subiaco.

Moved – Councillor Hipkins  
Seconded – Councillor Collins

**That Council:**

- 1. prior to voting on whether to proceed with the proposed amalgamation with the City of Subiaco, the City of Nedlands carries out a survey of all electors to determine their views on the amalgamation; and**
- 2. if motion 1. is decided in the affirmative, the Electoral Commission be asked to undertake a postal ballot of the electors of the City of Nedlands with the following question:**

**Are you in favour of the City of Nedlands amalgamating with the City of Subiaco?       Yes       No**

Suspension of Standing Order

Moved – Councillor Argyle

Seconded – Councillor Hipkins

That Standing Order No. 9.5 be suspended for the purpose of allowing Councillors to address the meeting more than once.

LOST 6/7

(Against: Mayor Froese & Crs. Negus Bell Binks  
Somerville-Brown Tan & Horley)

The Presiding Member requested that Councillor Argyle's comments be recorded in the minutes as follows: Councillor Argyle to Mayor Froese "You are a Queenslander".

Adoption – The original motion was put and

LOST 4/9

(Against: Mayor Froese & Crs. Negus Bell Binks Hodsdon  
Somerville-Brown Tan Horley & Smyth)

Councillor Hipkins retired from the meeting at 9.35 pm

Moved – Councillor Negus

Seconded Pro Forma – Councillor Somerville-Brown

**That Council:**

- 1. Continues the extensive community consultation process that is currently underway regarding the possible amalgamation between the City of Nedlands and the City of Subiaco;**
- 2. Makes no further decision relating to an amalgamation between the City of Nedlands and The City of Subiaco until the community's feedback currently being conducted by Catalyse and which involves Focus Groups, interviews with key decision makers, telephone polls, online surveys and written responses received through the mail has been**

received, compiled and presented to Council for further analysis; and

3. Requests that the State Government fund a poll, as part of further Community Consultation on the proposed amalgamation, to be conducted by the WA Electoral Commission as soon as possible to determine Community views on the amalgamation in which there must be a turnout of at least 50% of electors (in line with the processes normally conducted by the LGAB when conducting such polls) for the survey to be considered valid and truly representative.

**CARRIED 9/3**

**(Against: Crs. Argyle Tyson & Collins)**

#### **Council Resolution**

##### **That Council:**

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#### **Declaration of Closure**

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.