



TOWN OF
Bassendean

MINUTES

Special Council Meeting

Monday 11 March 2024

held in the Council Chamber

Administration Building, 48 Old Perth Road Bassendean

And via MS Teams Online

1 Declaration of Opening; Acknowledgment of Country; Acknowledgment of Visitors; Disclaimer

The Presiding Member, Mayor Hamilton declared the meeting open at 5:30pm and welcomed all those present.

Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

The Town of Bassendean acknowledges the past and present traditional owners of the land on which we gather to conduct this meeting, and pays its respects to their Elders, both past and present.

2 Announcements by the Presiding Person Without Discussion

Nil

3 Attendances and Apologies

Present

Councillors

Cr Kathryn Hamilton, Mayor
Cr Paul Poliwka, Deputy Mayor via Electronic Means
Cr Jennie Carter via Electronic Means
Cr Jamayne Burke via Electronic Means
Cr Tallan Ames
Cr Emily Wilding via Electronic Means

Officers

Mr Cameron Woods, Chief Executive Officer
Mr Paul White, Director Corporate Services
Ms Joanne Burges, Manager Governance & Strategy
Mr Tristan Loney, Manager Information and Technology

Public

Three (3) members of the public were in attendance.

Apologies

Cr Ken John

4 Declarations of Interest

Nil.

5 Presentations or Deputations

Nil

6 Statements by Members of the Public on Agenda Items

Don Yates

10 Thompson Road

Success Hill

- Provided historical account of his family's connection to area
- The Association between Success Hill and Guildford goes back a substantial period of time
- The Town of Bassendean is small however it does have approx. \$25m land assets
- Understands Guildford's desire to restore their historical sites before the 200th year of white settlement which is only five years away
- State and Federal Government could be contributors towards those historical sites and events leading up to that celebration
- Wouldn't mind Bassendean donating to this however not as a potential cash cow to support other causes
- Wish Swan well however Bassendean should look North to Reid Highway or West to Tonkin Highway would be more suitable

Hilary McWilliam

20 Elder Parade

Bassendean

This request is simply for the Town of Bassendean to engage with the City of Swan to discuss potential realignment of the local government boundary and has been prompted by a Motion presented by ratepayers at the February City of Swan Annual Meeting of Electors.

In that Motion, supported by Swan ratepayers, a desire was expressed to address the needs of communities more closely aligned to the Town of Bassendean, geographically and historically, that have similar demographics, urban density and activity.

The factors outlined by the Local Government Advisory Board to evaluate proposals for changes to local government boundaries include the following:

- community of interest
- physical and topographical features
- demographic trends
- economic factors
- the history of the area
- transport and communication
- matters affecting the viability of the local government
- the effective delivery of government services

Logic dictates that adjoining local governments collaborate to review district boundaries to ascertain what synergies may exist to unite communities of interest. To highlight a prime example, it would appear that Guildford, Woodbridge and Kiara have significant connections and similarities to Success Hill, Eden Hill and Bassendean. Councils should always strive for the efficient delivery of targeted services, and a collaborative review may highlight some suburban areas more closely aligned to the Town of Bassendean locality than the City of Swan.

Clearly detailed analysis is undertaken to determine the potential for any boundary realignment culminating in the Local Government Advisory Board engaging in targeted consultation with those urban communities that may (or may not) support inclusion and representation by the Town of Bassendean.

Michael Grogan
5 Lamb Street
Bassendean

- Want to reiterate a lot of what the previous speaker said
- With due respect to the speaker prior's opposition I'm not sure it is relevant to what we are trying to do
- I'm fully aware of our bi-centennial celebrations coming up but that's not the ethos of why the people of the City of Swan wanted to get some alignment with something that was sympathetic to their character
- Maybe it brings Bassendean back to where we were
- Would like to see us go right up to the Highway
- We would like to support Hilary's motion to investigate and pursue it a bit further

Don Yates
10 Thompson Road
Success Hill

My understanding if residents of Bassendean wish to consider border changes to incorporate Guildford heading north to Reid Highway, west to Tonkin that it takes typically 250 signatures on a petition for Local Government to consider a border

change, should the Town be considering a broad referendum of the community to see what the community is actually feeling.

7 Questions by Members of the Public

Don Yates
10 Thompson Road
Success Hill

Question: I guess the question comes back to years ago where the towns assets be quarantined in a trust so that if there were initiatives be it north, west or east across the river, the benefit of those land assets be retained by the original residents of Bassendean.

Response: The proposal before us tonight is to simply to engage with the City of Swan in dialogue. What you are proposing is premature at this time.

8 Reports

| 8.1 Notice of Motion - Potential Boundary Adjustment - City of Swan | |
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| Property Address | N/A |
| Landowner/Applicant | N/A |
| File Reference | GOV/LREGLIA/23 |
| Directorate | CEO and Council Support |
| Previous Reports | Nil |
| Authority/Discretion | Executive The substantial direction setting and oversight role of the Council. |
| Attachments | Nil |

Purpose

The City of Swan is conducting an Ordinary Council Meeting on Wednesday March 13th, at which they will consider an annual electors notice of motion requesting the City of Swan engage formally with the Town of Bassendean to discuss boundary adjustments. The purpose of this report is for Council to consider motion three (3) carried at the Town of Bassendean annual electors meeting on the 13th of February, requesting the Town notify the City of Swan that the Town of Bassendean is willing and open to engaging in boundary adjustment discussions, with the City of Swan.

Council Resolution/Officer Recommendation – Item 8.1

Moved Cr Ames,
Seconded Cr Poliwka

That Council:

Request the CEO immediately inform the City of Swan that the Town of Bassendean is a willing partner in boundary adjustment discussions.

Voting requirements: Absolute Majority

Carried 6/0

9 Closure

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed, the time being 5:45pm.