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331. DECLARATION OF OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open.

331.1 Present

Mayor A Ferris	Presiding Member
Cr D Arnold	
Cr C Collinson	
Cr S Dobro	
Cr R Olson	
Cr M Rico	
Cr A Wilson	
Mr S Wearne	Chief Executive Officer
Ms J May	Executive Secretary

332. WELCOME TO GALLERY AND INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED MEMBERS AND STAFF

There were two members of the public in the gallery.

333. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil.

334. RECORD OF APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

335. RECORD OF APOLOGIES

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Crs de Jong and Harrington due to work commitments.

336. ORDER OF BUSINESS

Cr Dobro – Cr Rico

That the order of business be changed to allow members of the gallery to address the meeting. CARRIED

337. TOWN PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE (PRIVATE DOMAIN)

**337.1 Petra Street No. 67 (Lot 365)
Applicant & Owner: A Lomma
Application No. P178/07**

By Chris Warrener, Town Planner on 31 October 2007

FURTHER REPORT

Description of Proposal

An Application for Planning Approval for a single storey house with garage, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, kitchen/dining/living room, laundry, study, and theatre at 67 Petra Street.

Any Relevant Previous Decisions of Council and/or History of an Issue or Site

16 October 2007 Council resolved:

“That the matter be held over and the applicant be requested to submit revised drawings indicating increased open space of 52% for consideration at the Council Meeting on 6 November 2007.”

Discussion

The application is for a single storey house, originally proposed with a double garage. Amended plans have been submitted for the garage to be reduced in size and set back further than originally proposed (this has been achieved by reducing the size of bedroom 1).

Open space now complies with the amount recommended in the Residential Design Codes (RDC) at 55% for R12.5 coded property.

Conclusion

Should Council decide to support the application on the basis of the amended plans the following recommendation is submitted for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council exercise its discretion in granting approval for the following:

- (a) variation to the west side (rear) boundary setback pursuant to the Residential Design Codes from 6m to 1m for bedroom 3, a laundry, toilet, and bathroom, and to 3.3m for bedroom 2;
- (b) variation to the east side (front) boundary setback pursuant to the Residential Design Codes from 7.5m to 7.43m for a single garage and study, and to 6.50m for a theatre room;
- (c) variation to roof pitch pursuant to Local Planning Policy 066 from 28° to 25°; for the construction of a single storey house comprising a single garage, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, kitchen/dining/living room, laundry, study, and theatre room at No. 67 (Lot 365) Petra Street, East Fremantle in accordance with the plans date stamp received on 30 October 2007 subject to the following conditions:
 1. the works to be constructed in conformity with the drawings and written information accompanying the application for planning approval other than where varied in compliance with the conditions of this planning approval or with Council's further approval.
 2. the proposed works are not to be commenced until Council has received an application a building licence and the building licence issued in compliance with the conditions of this planning approval unless otherwise amended by Council.
 3. the proposed dwelling is not to be occupied until all conditions attached to this planning approval have been finalised to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer in consultation with relevant officers.
 4. all stormwater to be disposed of on site, an interceptor channel installed if required and a drainage plan be submitted to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer in consultation with the Building Surveyor prior to the issue of a building licence.
 5. all parapet walls to be fair faced brickwork or cement rendered to the adjacent property face by way of agreement between the property owners and at the applicant's expense.
 6. where this development requires that any facility or service within a street verge (street trees, footpath, crossover, light pole, drainage point or similar) is to be removed, modified or relocated then such works must be approved by Council and if approved, the total cost to be borne by the applicant. If Council refuses to approve such works, then this condition cannot be satisfied and this planning approval is not valid.
 7. any new crossovers which are constructed under this approval to be a maximum width of 3.0m, the footpath (where one exists) to continue uninterrupted across the width of the site and the crossover to be constructed in material and design to comply with Council's Policy on Footpaths & Crossovers.
 8. in cases where there is an existing crossover this is to be removed and the kerb, verge and footpath are to be reinstated at the applicant's expense to the satisfaction of Council, unless on application, Council approval for the crossover to remain is obtained.
 9. this planning approval to remain valid for a period of 24 months from date of this approval.

Footnote:

The following are not conditions but notes of advice to the applicant/owner:

- (a) this decision does not include acknowledgement or approval of any unauthorised development which may be on the site.*
- (b) a copy of the approved plans as stamped by Council are attached and the application for a building licence is to conform with the approved plans unless otherwise approved by Council.*
- (c) it is recommended that the applicant provides a Structural Engineer's dilapidation report, at the applicant's expense, specifying which structures on adjoining sites may be adversely affected by the works and providing a record of the existing condition of the structures. Two copies of each dilapidation report should be lodged with Council and one copy should be given to the owner of any affected owner.*
- (d) all noise levels produced by the construction of the development are to comply with the provisions of the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997 (as amended).*
- (e) in regard to the condition relating to the finish of the neighbour's side of the parapet wall it is recommended that the applicant consult with the neighbour to resolve a mutually agreed standard of finish.*
- (f) with regard to construction of the crossover the applicant/builder is to contact Council's Works Supervisor.*

Mr Pirozzi (designer) addressed the meeting in support of the proposal.

Cr Dobro – Cr Wilson

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Council and if approved, the total cost to be borne by the applicant. If Council refuses to approve such works, then this condition cannot be satisfied and this planning approval is not valid.

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CARRIED

338. PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS/SUBMISSIONS

338.1 *Dr Janet Woollard – Members Bill re Third Party Appeals*

Mayor Ferris welcomed Dr Woollard to the meeting and invited her to address Council regarding her proposed Members Bill.

Dr Woollard thanked Council for the opportunity to address the meeting and outlined the background to her proposal.

Dr Woollard answers questions raised by elected members and invited staff and elected members to submit written comments regarding the proposed Bill.

Mayor Ferris thanked Dr Woollard for her attendance following which she left the meeting at 7.20pm.

338.2 *Mr Stuart McAll – Southern Metropolitan Regional Council*

Mayor Ferris welcomed SMRC Chief Executive Officer Mr Stuart McAll to the meeting and invited him to address Council regarding SMRC operations over the past 12 months.

Mr McAll provided a powerpoint presentation on SMRC operations.



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Mr McAll answered various questions raised by elected members.

Mayor Ferris thanked Mr McAll for his attendance following which he left the meeting at 8.15pm.

339. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

340. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

340.1 Council Meeting – 16 October 2007

Cr Dobro – Cr Olson

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16 October 2007 be received and confirmed. CARRIED

340.2 Special Council Meeting – 22 October 2007

Cr Olson – Cr Wilson

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 22 October 2007 be received and confirmed. CARRIED

341. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

341.1 J Chisholm

Mayor Ferris read an email from Mr Chisholm conveying his appreciation to Council for the fencing erected around Glasson Park and advising that it was the best thing Council has done for a long time.

341.2 Mrs N Tandy, 21 Pier Street

Mayor Ferris read correspondence from Mrs Tandy thanking Council for providing HACC gardener/handyman, Chris Morley, to assist her with many problems that occur around her home. She advised that Mr Morley was a gem, so capable in workmanship and obliging – always eager to help with seniors in their declining years.

341.3 Mrs D Caneray

Mayor Ferris read correspondence from Mrs Caneray thanking Council for agreeing to place a bench seat in Merv Cowan Park in memory of her late daughter, Barbara Handley-Copley, who enjoyed walking around the East Fremantle foreshore in that area.

341.4 Mrs Janine Morton

Mayor Ferris read an email from Mrs Janine Morton on behalf of herself and her husband thanking the Chief Executive Officer and staff for the citizenship ceremony held on 4 October which was really special and made them feel very welcome.

341.5 The Great Bike Ride

Mayor Ferris advised that a number of East Fremantle residents will join more than 5,000 cyclists in this year's The City of Perth Great Bike Ride on Sunday, 25 November which will pass through East Fremantle.

341.6 The Constable Care Child Safety Foundation (Inc)

Mayor Ferris read correspondence from the Constable Care Child Safety Foundation thanking Council for its continued partnership support of \$1,320 which will provide for the presentation of 4 'life skills' programs and merit awards focusing on community safety, crime prevention and respect issues to East Fremantle students.

341.7 St Vincent de Paul Society

Mayor Ferris read correspondence from the St Vincent de Paul Society thanking Council for its generous contribution of \$200 towards their rubbish disposal costs. The Society

advised that particularly at this time of the year, the resources of the Society are stretched to the limit in meeting the demands of those in need in the community and it is only through the generosity of benefactors such as Council that the Society is able to continue its work of assisting those less fortunate.

341.8 Mary McGoldrich

Mayor Ferris read correspondence from Mary McGoldrich acknowledging the good natured obliging rubbish truck operator who hopped out of his truck to move her bin into the road – where it could be operated by the automatic arm.

341.9 Fremantle City Library

Mayor Ferris read correspondence from the Fremantle City Library advising of a change in the opening hours of the library to co-incide with late night trading on Friday evenings.

341.10 Mobile Muster

Mayor Ferris advised that Council had collected 11kg of mobile phones, batteries and accessories for recycling under the mobilemuster program.

342. QUESTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN WITHOUT DISCUSSION BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Nil.

343. MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Nil.

344. CORRESPONDENCE (LATE RELATING TO ITEM IN AGENDA)

Nil.

345. TOWN PLANNING/PUBLIC DOMAIN, WORKS & RESERVES

345.1 Design Change for Speed Humps on George Street

By Stuart Wearne, Chief Executive Officer, on 26 October 2007

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to expedite consideration of a recommended design change in relation to previously endorsed George Street works.

BACKGROUND

Council at its meeting of 19 June 2007, considered a report on this issue prepared by the CEO, a copy of which is attached, although not including the attachments to that report.

ATTACHMENT

As can be seen from the report part of the design, which Council went on to endorse, included plateaued speed humps at the George Street intersections with Glyde, Sewell and King Streets.

REPORT

Please see letter from consultant, dated 16 October 2007.

ATTACHMENT

The letter sets out reasons for a proposed design change and should be self explanatory.

Please also note copy of amended drawings showing the proposed relocation of the speed humps from the intersections to mid block.

ATTACHMENT

In a sense the most critical aspect is point 2 of the consultant's letter because Main Roads, who are the approving authority for all traffic signs, could, ultimately, formally refuse to allow the speed humps to be placed at the intersection as originally planned.

The position taken by Main Roads, based on previous dealings, was unexpected.

The reason given by Main Roads WA is that they oppose the installation of a traffic calming device where a traffic controlling device is installed. This is to remove any confusion to the motorist when approaching the intersection.

Even if Council was to successfully negotiate the issue with Main Roads, such negotiations could delay the project to the point works may not be completed in time for the East Fremantle Festival.

CONCLUSION

The consultant's recommendations should be supported.

RECOMMENDATION

The design change as proposed by Legge Civil in their letter of 16 October 2007, be supported.

Cr Dobro – Cr Collinson

That Council defer a decision on the matter of speed humps in George Street pending a site visit and a report addressing the impact of the proposed speed humps on streetscape and parking in George Street, and the implications on the flow of traffic in the Plympton Ward. CARRIED

346. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO STANDING COMMITTEES

346.1 *Town Planning & Building Committee (Private Domain)*

Mayor Ferris called for nominations for membership to the Town Planning & Building Committee (Private Domain). It was noted written nominations had been received from Crs de Jong and Harrington.

Cr Dobro – Cr Wilson

That Mayor Ferris and Crs Rico, Dobro, Olson, Wilson Harrington and de Jong be appointed to the Town Planning & Building Committee (Private Domain).

CARRIED
ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

346.2 *Town Planning/Public Domain, Works & Reserves Committee*

Mayor Ferris called for nominations for membership to the Town Planning/Public Domain, Works & Reserves Committee.

Cr Rico – Cr Dobro

That Mayor Ferris and Crs Dobro, Rico, Arnold and Olson be appointed to the Town Planning/Public Domain, Works & Reserves Committee.

CARRIED
ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

346.3 *Health & General Purposes Committee*

Mayor Ferris called for nominations for membership to the Health & General Purposes Committee. It was noted a written nomination had been received from Cr Harrington.

Cr Olson – Cr Wilson

That Mayor Ferris and Crs Harrington, Arnold, Collinson and Wilson be appointed to the Health & General Purposes Committee.

CARRIED
ABSOLUTE MAJORITY



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346.4 Finance Committee

Mayor Ferris called for nominations for membership to the Finance Committee. It was noted a written nomination had been received from Cr de Jong.

Cr Rico – Cr Dobro

That Mayor Ferris and Crs de Jong, Rico, Dobro and Olson be appointed to the Finance Committee.

CARRIED
ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

347. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF OCCASIONAL COMMITTEES

347.1 Audit Committee

Mayor Ferris called for nominations for membership to the Audit Committee, noting that previously membership consisted of members of the Finance Committee.

Cr Rico – Cr Dobro

That Mayor Ferris and Crs de Jong, Rico, Dobro and Olson be appointed to the Audit Committee.

CARRIED
ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

348. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO VARIOUS EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

348.1 Local Government Association (South Metropolitan Zone)

Mayor Ferris called for nominations as Council's delegates to the Local Government Association (South Metropolitan Zone).

Cr Dobro – Cr Wilson

That Mayor Ferris and Crs Olson and Collinson be appointed as Council's delegates to the Local Government Association (South Metropolitan Zone).

CARRIED

348.2 Fremantle City Library Advisory Committee

Mayor Ferris called for nominations as Council's delegate to the Fremantle City Library Advisory Committee.

Cr Olson – Cr Wilson

That Cr Rico be appointed as Council's delegate and Cr Arnold be appointed as Council's deputy delegate to the Fremantle City Library Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

348.3 Glyde-In Community Group

Mayor Ferris called for nominations as Council's delegate to the Glyde-In Community Group.

Cr Rico – Cr Dobro

That Cr Collinson be appointed as Council's delegate and Cr Dobro be appointed as Council's deputy delegate to the Glyde-In Community Group.

CARRIED

348.4 Community Policing Committee

Mayor Ferris called for nominations as Council's delegate to the Community Policing Committee.

Cr Wilson – Cr Rico

That Cr Olson be appointed as Council's delegate and Cr Arnold be appointed as Council's deputy delegate to the Community Policing Committee.

CARRIED

- 348.5** ***Southern Metropolitan Regional Council***
Mayor Ferris indicated his desire to continue as Council's representative to the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council and called for other nominations.
- Cr Dobro – Cr Rico**
That Mayor Ferris be appointed as Council's delegate to the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council. CARRIED
- 348.6** ***South West District Planning Group***
Mayor Ferris called for nominations as Council's delegate to the South West District Planning Group. It was noted a written nomination had been received from Cr de Jong.
- Cr Dobro – Cr Rico**
That this matter be held over to the Council Meeting on 20 November 2007. CARRIED
- 348.7** ***South West Corridor Development and Employment Foundation***
Mayor Ferris called for nominations as Council's delegate to the South West Corridor Development and Employment Foundation.
- Cr Rico – Cr Olson**
That Cr Arnold be appointed as Council's delegate to the South West Corridor Development and Employment Foundation. CARRIED
- 348.8** ***South West Corridor Planning & Infrastructure Committee***
Mayor Ferris called for nominations as Council's delegate to the South West Corridor Planning & Infrastructure Committee.
- Mayor Ferris – Cr Dobro**
That this matter be held over to the Council Meeting on 20 November 2007. CARRIED
- 348.9** ***South West Corridor Environment and Services Committee***
Mayor Ferris called for nominations as Council's delegate to the South West Corridor Environment and Services Committee.
- Cr Olson – Cr Dobro**
That Crs Rico and Arnold be appointed as Council's delegates to the South West Corridor Environment and Services Committee. CARRIED
- 348.10** ***Swan River Trust***
Mayor Ferris called for nominations as Council's delegate to the Swan River Trust.
- Cr Olson – Cr Rico**
That Crs Wilson and de Jong be appointed as Council's delegates to the Swan River Trust. CARRIED
- 348.11** ***Fremantle Ports Inner Harbour Community Liaison Group***
Mayor Ferris called for nominations as Council's delegate to the Fremantle Ports Inner Harbour Community Liaison Group. It was noted written nominations had been received from Crs Harrington and de Jong.
- Mayor Ferris – Cr Rico**
That this matter be held over to the Council Meeting on 20 November 2007. CARRIED

349. REPORTS OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

349.1 83 Canning Highway – SAT Application for Review/Appeal

By Stuart Wearne, Chief Executive Officer and Chris Warrener, on 2 November 2007

At its meeting held on 21 August 2007 Council considered an application for a 4-storey mixed use development at 83 Canning Highway and resolved to adopt the Committee's recommendation as follows:

"Mayor O'Neill – Cr Dobro

That:

1. *Council refuses to grant approval for the construction of a 4-storey Mixed Use development comprising an existing ground floor commercial building divided into 3 shops, with new development comprising 4 offices, and two 2-bedroom residential apartments on 3 upper levels on Lot 123 (No. 83) Canning Highway, East Fremantle in accordance with the plans date stamp received on 17 May 2007 on the grounds that the proposal does not accord with the purpose for which the land is reserved.*
2. *Given the property's B^A rating in the Draft Town of East Fremantle Municipal Inventory the Chief Executive Officer in consultation with relevant officers, enter into negotiations with Main Roads WA and the Department for Planning & Infrastructure.*

Footnote:

Council does want this building restored and retained and would support some redevelopment of the site with retention and restoration of the existing building as an integral factor. **CARRIED**

The reference to "does not accord with the purpose for which the land is reserved" in the above decision refers to the fact that part of the property is reserved for primary regional road under the Metropolitan Regional Scheme.

The applicant subsequently submitted an application for a review of that decision with the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) on the grounds that Council did not have the jurisdiction to deal with the issue and that rather, due to the road reservation issue, the matter should have been determined by the WAPC.

A Directions Hearing was held on 28 September 2007 at which the applicant maintained the contention that the application should have been dealt with by the WAPC. Council contended that a Notice of Delegation pursuant to the WAPC Act, gazetted in September 2002, was the relevant legislation, and in accordance with that delegation, the decision making power rested with the Council.

This Hearing was adjourned to a further Directions Hearing on 19 October 2007 *"in order to enable the parties to correspond on the question of delegated authority in relation to the decision of the review."*

At the Hearing on 19 October the applicant withdrew their argument regarding Council's ability to determine the application, and agreed that the position argued by Council was valid. With this issue resolved, SAT then made an Order for the planning application to go to Mediation.

The applicant was advised the issues Council would raise at mediation were:

- plot ratio
- car parking
- building height
- building design
- Metropolitan Region Primary Regional Road Reserve for Canning Highway

Main Roads WA and the Department of Planning & Infrastructure departmental representatives have been notified and will be attending the mediation.

An on-site meeting has recently been undertaken with Main Roads WA, and it appears that the corner truncation, which was the subject of MRWA and DPI objections to the application, will not be required, and will “fall away” as an argument against the application.

In this event it would be likely that the planning application would be determined by SAT, unless Council’s representatives could convince SAT that the matter should be returned to Council, for detailed comment on the application, particularly as:

- due to the highway reservation issue, Council did not at the time provide a detailed response to the proposal
- the appeal originally concerned the *jurisdiction* issue, not Council’s position on height, setback etc and Council was not aware that Main Roads WA and Department of Planning & Infrastructure would withdraw their objections to the application.

SAT however like to fastrack applications and it was more likely SAT would determine the application *de novo* (ie anew) even with these arguments.

Negotiations have taken place today with the applicant’s legal representatives aimed at having their support for the matter to be returned to Council.

The Chief Executive Officer and the Town Planner believe this will provide the best chance for the planning and particularly the heritage issues to be properly considered.

As a result of the negotiations, the Chief Executive Officer and Town Planner are currently confident Council will succeed in having this matter returned to Council in the event Main Roads WA and Department of Planning & Infrastructure objections fall away.

Submitted for information.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received.

Cr Dobro – Cr Olson

That the report be received.

CARRIED

349.2

2007 Christmas Closure Period

By Stuart Wearne, Chief Executive Officer, on 6 November 2007

PURPOSE

To provide for consideration of the closure of the Council for 4½ working days over the Christmas/New Year period commencing midday Friday, 21 December 2007. Council’s operations would recommence on Wednesday, 2 January 2008.

BACKGROUND

In recent years Council has closed during the Christmas and New Year period and staff have used annual leave, RDO’s, and “day-in-lieu” public holidays for the period.

REPORT

Comments/Discussion

It had been noted that the period was generally a “slow” period with minimal customers.

The closure will be advertised and in order to cater for emergencies, customers will have access to a recorded telephone message with contact numbers for relevant staff together with details of refuse services and other necessary relevant information relating to Council services such as Rangers, health and building.

Statutory Requirements

Nil

Relevant Policies

Nil

Principal Activity Plan Impact

Nil

Financial/Budget Implications

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. approve the closure of the administration centre and operational areas for a period of 4½ working days being half a day from midday 21 December 2007 and four days consisting of Monday, 24 December, Thursday, 27 December, Friday, 28 December and Monday, 31 December 2007.
2. advertise the closure in such a manner as to ensure that adequate notice is given to the public.

Cr Olson – Cr Dobro

That Council:

1. **approve the closure of the administration centre and operational areas for a period of 4½ working days being half a day from midday 21 December 2007 and four days consisting of Monday, 24 December, Thursday, 27 December, Friday, 28 December and Monday, 31 December 2007.**
2. **advertise the closure in such a manner as to ensure that adequate notice is given to the public.** CARRIED

349.3 Council Photographs

The following memo from the Chief Executive Officer had been circulated:

Further to my earlier memo regarding the above, I have received advice from two elected members that they will not be in attendance at the Council Meeting on 18 December 2007.

Arrangements will now be made for a photographer to be in attendance on the evening of the Council Meeting of Tuesday, 4 December 2007. Janine will provide further information regarding details following confirmation that the photographer can make that evening.

Any elected member who is proposing to be an apology at the Council Meeting on Tuesday, 4 December 2007 is requested to advise Janine at tonight's meeting.

Mayor Ferris sought an indication from all elected members present that they would be in attendance prior to the Council Meeting on 4 December 2007 for photographs. All elected members indicated they would be in attendance.

349.4 Informal Briefing – 27 November 2007

The following memo from the Chief Executive Officer had been circulated:

Arrangements have been made for the consultants (CCS Strategic Management), commissioned to develop the East Fremantle Oval Master Plan, to attend the next 4th Tuesday Informal Briefing on Tuesday, 27 November 2007, along with other members of the reference group Mr Geoff Glass (W AFC), Mr Rob Didcoe (Department of Sport & Recreation) and Mr Peter Capes (East Fremantle Football Club).

The consultants have previously presented an options paper to the reference group and now wish to present to Council a visual representation of these options in plan form outlining pros and cons of each option.

They are seeking feedback from Council prior to commencing the next round of community consultation which will take the form of an open workshop.

It is envisaged this issue will be the sole topic of the evening.

Cr Dobro queried whether other agenda items could be considered at the Briefing.

Mayor Ferris invited elected members to submit agenda items and advised that if time permitted, these other items would be considered that evening following the East Fremantle Oval Master Plan item.

350. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil.

351. NOTICES OF MOTION BY ELECTED MEMBERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE FOLLOWING MEETING

351.1 Cr Collinson - Acknowledgement of Country

“That at the commencement of all Council Meetings there be an acknowledgement of country”.

351.2 Cr Collinson – Fair Trade Council

“That the Town of East Fremantle become a Fair Trade Council.”

352. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF THE MEETING

353. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.40pm.

*I hereby certify that the Minutes of the meeting of the **Council** of the Town of East Fremantle, held on **6 November 2007**, Minute Book reference **331. to 353.** were confirmed at the meeting of the Council on*
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Presiding Member