

*The Mayor agreed to consider 14.3 before 14.2*

**14.3 Councillor Hodsdon – Consultation for closure of Sayer Street, Swanbourne**

Moved – Councillor Hodsdon

Seconded – Councillor Horley

**Council Resolution:**

- 1. The City consults with all stakeholders on the closure of that part of Sayer Street, Swanbourne (A Class reserve 19283) which is not a dedicated road and traverses a reserve and the reinstatement of the area to its original natural state.**
- 2. Report to be prepared for the Council Meeting of 22 September 2015.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 12/-**

*On 21 July 2015, Councillor Hodsdon gave notice of his intention to move the following at this meeting.*

“The City consults with all stakeholders on the closure of Sayer Street, Swanbourne (A Class reserve 19283) and reinstate the area to its original natural state.”

**Justification for Notice of Motion**

1. Sayer Street was originally a cul-de-sac. It was extended through the A Class reserve for access to the redevelopment of Seaward Village, although the reserve is for parks and recreational use.
2. The development of Seaward Village is proposed and because of the increased number of residents and the associated traffic there is likely to be a major increase in vehicular movements. This is a serious concern for the people living in this area.
3. The planning of the new subdivision can incorporate a secondary access road without impacting on current residents.
4. Possible closure could incorporate a gate for fire and emergency access.

**Administration Comment**

Sayer Street is a thoroughfare under the care and control of the City of Nedlands. At the east and west ends the thoroughfare sits within road reserve vested in the City. In the middle section the thoroughfare passes through lots 177, 178 and 202, which are part of Class A reserve no. 19283, also vested in the City. Lots 177 and 178 were part of a road reserve for Sayer Street, but were included within the Class A reserve on 5 November 1926.



Roads within Class A reserves are commonplace, for example at Kings Park, and the City is within its rights to have a road in the Class A reserve part of Sayer Street. The City has made improvements to, and performed maintenance on, this road.

At present Sayer Street carries approximately 200 vehicle trips per day, servicing the Seaward Village area. Closure of this road is not supported as it would constrain access to the subdivision to only one road, Seaward Avenue, meaning emergency egress would be constricted and emergency services response times into the village may be lengthened.

The City is aware that the Department of Defence supports two access points to the new subdivision and City for security and access purposes. It is likely that this is also their position in relation to access and egress to the current subdivision.

While the City is technically able to close Sayer Street, subject to due process, it is not recommended unless an alternative road into the Seaward village is first constructed. This is very problematic given that the status and layout of Seaward Village is subject to WAPC for consideration as an Improvement Plan area. It is suggested that a safe option, which eliminates the aforementioned issues in relation to a single access to the subdivision, would be to seek alternative access arrangements through the formal planning process.

No estimate has been made of the cost or timeframe required to complete a consultation for the closure of Sayer Street, it would be a similar exercise to the recent consultation regarding the temporary closure of Nidjalla Loop. No staff resources have been allocated to this consultation or any resources budgeted or allocated to removal of the road and revegetation of the area.

## 14.2 Councillor Horley – Signage for Sayer Street, Swanbourne

Moved – Councillor Horley  
Seconded – Councillor Hodsdon

### Council Resolution:

1. The City inform DHA that vehicular access to any future development/redevelopment of Seaward Village shall not be through A Class reserve 19283;
2. The City erect two street signs on either side of Sayer Street Swanbourne at A Class Reserve 19283, as follows:

**‘You are traversing an A Class Reserve created for the purpose of Parks and Recreation. Please protect our wildlife’.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 12/-**

*On 21 July 2015, Councillor Horley gave notice of her intention to move the following at this meeting.*

1. “The City inform DHA that vehicular access to any future development/redevelopment of Seaward Village shall not be through A Class reserve 19283;
2. The City of Nedlands erect two street signs on the edge of the road on either side of Sayer Street Swanbourne (A Class reserve 19283), as follows”

“You are traversing an A Class Reserve which is soon to be revegetated pursuant to its purpose for parks and recreation (reserve 19283 under the care, control and management of the City of Nedlands pursuant to the Land Administration Act).”

### Justification for Notice of Motion

Access to the planned private subdivision of land at Seaward Village is proposed to be through A Class Reserve 19283, Sayer Street Swanbourne.

This NOM seeks to support the community and reaffirm to the WAPC Council’s previous resolution requesting that there be no access to any future private subdivision of land in Seaward Village through the A Class recreational reserve at Sayer Street.

The recreational reserve known as Allen Park is historically significant to the Council and the community. It was initiated in 1922, and expanded over an extended period of time (approximately 1922-36). It has increasing value to the local and regional community as a recreational reserve and wildlife habitat. Use of such a narrow street and the A Class reserve as a thoroughfare with substantially increased number of residents would elevate the number of vehicular movements exponentially. This creates amenity, security and safety concerns for the local community of Swanbourne, including defence housing families. The A Class Reserve at Allen Park is reserved for park and recreational purposes. A roadway through the reserve solely to gain access to a private residential subdivision is viewed as outside the purposes of the A Class Reserve.

It is the developers' obligation to responsibly design appropriate entry and egress to its proposed subdivision and not create amenity, security and safety concerns for its neighbours. If private subdivision is to be pursued at this site, there is ample opportunity to design the redevelopment and subdivision within its own parcel of land, particularly given the Greenfield approach to subdivision design that is being utilised.

In conclusion, support for the defence families who live in Seaward Village is deep-rooted within the community and the Council. This NOM targets the future redevelopment proposal to subdivide land for private sale. Any design requirements need to be contained within the land parcel of Seaward Village, whilst taking into account environmental, amenity, safety and security obligations to the community of Swanbourne.

### **Administration Comment**

At its meeting of 26 May 2015 the Council resolved in part to:

*"4. Council wishes the following matters to be addressed in the redevelopment:*

- a) No through traffic from the development along Sayer street or other existing local roads within the Swanbourne community;"*

This resolution has been communicated to the applicant (Defence Housing Australia) and could be read to mean that Council does not want any of the existing roads to Seaward village to be used as part of the redevelopment. The proposed motion is more forceful in that it uses the words "shall not" as opposed to "Council wishes" in the above resolution.

In terms of the signage this could be erected at an approximate cost of \$500. The City has made no provision for the removal of the constructed road over the Class A reserve nor has it costed or budgeted for the revegetation of the area.

Administration does not support the restriction (by removing the road) of vehicular access along Sayer street due to emergency access and egress requirements and would envisage an alternative access being provided before Sayer Street access is closed. Furthermore, the City has been informed that the Department of Defence's position on access to the re-developed Seaward Village is that two access points are required for their security purposes. It is likely that this is also their position in relation to access and egress to the current subdivision.

**At 8:15pm the Mayor declared a 2 minute recess.**

**The meeting reconvened at 8:18pm.**

En Bloc

Moved – Councillor Hassell

Seconded – Councillor James

**That all Committee Recommendations relating to Reports under items 12.2, 12.3 and 12.5 with the exception of Report Nos. PD33.15, TS.14.15, TS15.15 and TS19.15 are adopted en bloc. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 12/-**

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*This item was brought forward in the order of business as per resolution on page 14.*

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2. Reports to Council by 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2015.

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#### **15. Elected members notices of motion given at the meeting for consideration at the following ordinary meeting on 28 July 2015.**

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Notices of motion for consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on 28 July 2015 to be tabled at this point in accordance with Clause 3.9(2) of Council’s Local Law Relating to Standing Orders.

Nil