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# AGENDA OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

To be held on Monday 23 November 2020 at 6.00pm

This Special Council Meeting will be held in the Preston Town Hall 284 Gower Street however the meeting will not be open to the public due to COVID-19 Restrictions.

The meeting will be available for the public to watch through livestreaming via Councils website <u>www.darebin.vic.gov.au</u>



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# SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

I Sue Wilkinson, Chief Executive officer of the Darebin City Council hereby request all Councillors pursuant to clause 1.1.3 (7) of Council's Governance Rules 2020 to attend a Special Council Meeting at 6.00pm on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 for the purpose of dealing with the following items:

- 1. Confirmation of Swearing in of Councillors and Declaration by Councillors to abide by the Councillor Code of Conduct
- 2. Term of the Office of Mayor
- 3. Mayoral Election
- 4. Establishment of Role of Deputy Mayor
- 5. Election of Deputy Mayor
- 6. December 2020 Council & Planning Committee Meetings
- 7. Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor Addresses

Sue Wilkinson Chief Executive Officer City of Darebin

Tuesday 17 November 2020

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS AND ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITIES IN DAREBIN

Darebin City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land we now call Darebin and pays respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

Council pays respect to all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Darebin.

Council recognises, and pays tribute to, the diverse culture, resilience and heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We acknowledge the leadership of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and the right to selfdetermination in the spirit of mutual understanding and respect.

#### English

These are the Minutes for the Council Meeting. For assistance with any of the items in the minutes, please telephone 8470 8888.

### Arabic

هذه هي محاضر اجتماع المجلس. للحصول على المساعدة في أي من البنود في المحاضر ، يرجى الاتصال بالهاتف 8888 8470.

#### Chinese

这些是市议会会议纪要。如需协助了解任何纪要项目,请致电8470 8888。

## Greek

Αυτά είναι τα Πρακτικά της συνεδρίασης του Δημοτικού Συμβουλίου. Για βοήθεια με οποιαδήποτε θέματα στα πρακτικά, παρακαλείστε να καλέσετε το 8470 8888.

#### Hindi

ये काउंसिल की बैठक का सारांश है। सारांश के किसी भी आइटम में सहायता के लिए, कृपया 8470 8888 पर टेलीफोन करें।

#### Italian

Questo è il verbale della riunione del Comune. Per assistenza con qualsiasi punto del verbale, si prega di chiamare il numero 8470 8888.

#### Macedonian

Ова е Записникот од состанокот на Општинскиот одбор. За помош во врска со која и да било точка од записникот, ве молиме телефонирајте на 8470 8888.

# Nepali

यी परिषद्को बैठकका माइन्युटहरू हुन्। माइन्युटका कुनै पनि वस्तुसम्बन्धी सहायताका लागि कृपया 8470 8888 मा कल गर्नुहोस्।

# Punjabi

ਇਹ ਕੇਂਸਲ ਦੀ ਮੀਟਿੰਗ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਸੰਖੇਪ ਸਾਰਾਂਸ਼ ਹੈ। ਸੰਖੇਪ ਸਾਰਾਂਸ਼ ਵਿਚਲੀਆਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਆਈਟਮਾਂ ਸੰਬੰਧੀ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਵਾਸਤੇ, ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ 8470 8888 ਨੂੰ ਟੈਲੀਫ਼ੋਨ ਕਰੋ।

#### Somali

Kuwaani waa qodobadii lagaga wada hadlay Fadhiga Golaha. Caawimada mid kasta oo ka mid ah qodobada laga wada hadlay, fadlan la xiriir 8470 8888.

#### **Spanish**

Estas son las Actas de la Reunión del Concejo. Para recibir ayuda acerca de algún tema de las actas, llame al teléfono 8470 8888.

#### Urdu

یہ کاؤنسل کی میٹنگ کا ایجنڈا ہے۔ایجنڈ ے کے کسی بھی حصے کے بار ے میں مدد کے لیے بر اہ مہر بانی 8888 8470 پر فون کریں۔

#### Vietnamese

Đây là những Biên bản Họp Hội đồng Thành phố. Muốn có người trợ giúp mình về bất kỳ mục nào trong biên bản họp, xin quý vị gọi điện thoại số 8470 8888.

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# Agenda

# 1. MEMBERSHIP (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

- Cr. Emily Dimitriadis
- Cr. Gaetano Greco
- Cr. Tom Hannan
- Cr. Tim Laurence
- Cr. Trent McCarthy
- Cr. Lina Messina
- Cr. Susanne Newton
- Cr. Susan Rennie
- Cr. Julie Williams

# 2. APOLOGIES

# 3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

# 4. CONFIRMATION OF SWEARING IN OF COUNCILLORS AND DECLARATION TO ABIDE BY THE COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council elections were held on Saturday, 24 October 2020 in each of the Cities nine (9) wards. These elections were conducted using the postal voting method. The elections were conducted on behalf of Council by the Victorian Electoral Commission. Mr Gerry Cartwright was the Election Manager / Returning Officer.

The Declaration of each Election for the Cities nine (9) wards was held on Monday  $9^{th}$  November at the Preston City hall at 10.00 am, 10.30 am and 11.00 am. The results of the elections were:

Central Ward North Central Ward	Lina Messina Julie Williams
North East Ward	Tim Laurence
North West Ward South Central Ward	Gaetano Greco Susan Rennie
South East Ward	Emily Dimitriadis
South Ward	Tom Hannan
South West Ward	Trent McCarthy
West Ward	Susanne Newton

In accordance with section 30 of the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act) and Regulation 5(c) of the Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020, all Councillors were sworn in on Monday 9 November 2020 at the Preston Town Hall at 5.30 pm where each Councillor made the Oath or Affirmation of Office and the Declaration to abide by the Councillor Code of Conduct before the Chief Executive Officer.

The original copy of each Councillor's Oath/Affirmation of Office and Declaration to abide by the Councillor Code of Conduct will form part of the minutes of this meeting.

# 5. TERM OF OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The role of the Mayor is to act as leader of the Council, providing guidance and supporting good working relationships between the Councillors, and working with the Chief Executive Officer to ensure positive outcomes are delivered.

Section 18 of the Local Government Act 2020 (Act) describes the role of the Mayor. The functions of the Mayor include chairing Council Meetings, acting as principle spokesperson for the Council, providing guidance to Councillors about what is expected of a Councillor, supporting good working relations between Councillors and carrying out civic and ceremonial duties.

Section 25 (1) of the Act provides that at a Council meeting that is open to the public, the Councillors must elect a Councillor to be the Mayor of the Council.

Further, Section 26 of the Act provides that before the election of the Mayor, a Council, other than the Greater Geelong City Council, must determine by resolution whether the Mayor is to be elected for a 1 year or a 2 year term.

# Recommendation

That Council resolves to elect the Mayor for a term of one (1) year.

# **BACKGROUND / KEY INFORMATION**

Section 25 (1) of the Act provides that at a Council meeting that is open to the public, the Councillors must elect a Councillor to be the Mayor of the Council.

Further, Section 26 of the Act provides that before the election of the Mayor, a Council, other than the Greater Geelong City Council, must determine by resolution whether the Mayor is to be elected for a 1 year or a 2 year term.

# 6. MAYORAL ELECTION

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The election of the Mayor will be conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020 and the Council's Governance Rules.

Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2020 prescribes that at a Council meeting that is open to the public, the Councillors must elect a Councillor to be the Mayor of the Council. Any Councillor is eligible for election or re-election to the office of Mayor. Mayor must be elected by an absolute majority of the Councillors.

Council's Governance Rules 2020 prescribe the procedure for the election of Mayor.

Recommendation

That Council elect ......to the position of Mayor for the 2020/2021 Council year.

# 7. ESTABLISHMENT OF ROLE OF DEPUTY MAYOR

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Pursuant to section 20A of the Local Government Act 2020 (Act), a Council may establish an office of Deputy Mayor.

Section 21 of the Act defines that the Deputy Mayor must perform the role of the Mayor and may exercise any of the powers of the Mayor if Mayor is unable for any reason to attend a Council meeting or part of a Council meeting, or the Mayor is incapable of performing the duties of the office of Mayor for any reason, including illness or the office of Mayor is vacant.

As per Council's Governance Rules, at the Meeting at which the Mayor is to be elected, Council may resolve to establish the position of Deputy Mayor and elect a Councillor to the position of Deputy Mayor. Further the term of a Deputy Mayor is to be identical to the term of the Mayor as resolved by Council.

Whilst the new Act provides for the Deputy Mayor to be entitled to an allowance no such separate allowance has been specified at this time.

### Recommendation

**That** Council in accordance with section 20A of the Local Government Act 2020 and its Governance Rules establishes the position of Deputy Mayor for a term to coincide with the term of the 2020/2021 Mayor.

# 8. DEPUTY MAYORAL ELECTION

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The election of Deputy Mayor will be conducted in accordance with Section 26 of the Local Government Act 2020 and Rule 17.4 of the Council's Governance Rules.

The Mayor will conduct the election of Deputy Mayor. The term of a Deputy Mayor is to be identical to the term of the Mayor as resolved by Council.

# Recommendation

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**That** Council elect ......to the position of Deputy Mayor for the 2020/2021 Council year.

# 9. DECEMBER 2020 COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In accordance with the Council's Governance Rules 2020, the dates, times and locations of Council Meetings will be fixed by Council from time to time and published in publications that are distributed throughout the municipality (including Council publications) and on Council's website.

Until such time that Councillors can fully consider the options for the Council and Planning Meeting Cycle for 2021 and more broadly the Councillor Briefing structure it is proposed that the following Council and Planning Meeting be fixed by Council

Meeting	Date	Venue
Ordinary Council Meeting	6.00 pm Mon 7 December 2020	Preston Town Hall
Planning Committee	6.00 pm Mon 14 December 2020	Pretson Town Hall
Ordinary Council Meeting	6.00 pm Mon 21 December 2020	Preston Town Hall

In line with current State Government COVID-19 Restrictions the public will not be permitted to attend these meetings in person .

This matter will be the listed for a Councillor Briefing and a formal report the 21 December Council Meeting to establish the Council and Planning Meeting Cycle for 2021

# Recommendation

# That Council:

- (1) Resolves that Ordinary meetings of the Council be held at 6.00 pm on 7 December 2020 and 21 December 2020 in the Preston Town Hall.
- (2) Resolves that a Meeting of the Planning Committee be held at 6.00 pm on 14 December 2020 in the Preston Town Hall.

# 10. MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR ADDRESSES

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Chief Executive Officer will invite the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to present a two minute address.

Councillors will then be invited to make a two minute response to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor's address.

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