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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

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English

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Arabic

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

Somali

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

Spanish

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Urdu

یہ کاؤنسل کی میٹنگ کی روداد کے نقاط ہیں۔ روداد کے کسی بھی حصے کے بارے میں مدد کے لیے براہ مہربانی 8470 8888 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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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2021
AT THE PRESTON TOWN HALL
(THE MEETING WAS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO SECTION 395 OF THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2020 AND LIVESTREAMED)**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.01 PM

The Chief Executive Officer, Ms Sue Wilkinson, opened the meeting with the following statement:

"I would like to like to begin by acknowledging 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.

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Ms Wilkinson welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's Governance Rules 2020, she was required to take the role of temporary Chair of this meeting until the election of the Mayor.

1. PRESENT

Councillors

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

Council Officers

Sue Wilkinson - Chief Executive Officer
Sam Hewett - General Manager Operations and Capital
Kerry McGrath - General Manager Communities
Rachel Ollivier - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy
Jodie Watson - General Manager Governance and Engagement
Stephen Mahon - Coordinator Council Business
Rachna Gupta Singh - Senior Council Business Officer

2. APOLOGIES

Nil

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

4.1 ADDRESSES BY THE OUTGOING MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

The Chief Executive Officer invited the outgoing Mayor and Deputy Mayor to address the meeting and to provide a short two-minute reflection on their time as Mayor and Deputy mayor respectively.

Outgoing Mayor and Deputy Mayor addressed the meeting.

4.2 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 Part 12 – COVID19 Temporary Measures of the Act provides for meetings to be closed to the public and the provisions requiring a meeting to be open to the public as being satisfied if the meeting is livestreamed on the internet site 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.

Officer Recommendation

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

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 21-140**

MOVED: Cr. S Rennie
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.3**MAYORAL ELECTION**

The Chief Executive Officer outlined the process for the election of the Mayor and invited nominations for the Office of Mayor for the 2021/2022 Council Year.

Cr. Tim Laurence nominated Cr. Susanne Newton for election to the Office of Mayor and Cr. Emily Dimitriadis seconded the nomination. Cr. Newton did not accept the nomination.

Cr. Emily Dimitriadis nominated Cr. Julie Williams for election to the Office of Mayor and Cr. Tim Laurence seconded the nomination. Cr. Williams accepted the nomination.

Cr. Susanne Newton nominated Cr. Lina Messina for election to the Office of Mayor and Cr. Susan Rennie seconded the nomination. Cr. Messina accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

The Chief Executive Officer conducted the vote by show of hands. Cr. Lina Messina received the votes of an absolute majority of the Council.

In accordance with the Local Government Act 2020 and Council's Governance Rules 2020, the Chief Executive Officer declared Cr. Lina Messina duly elected to the Office of Mayor of the City of Darebin for the 2021/2022 Council Year.

Mayor Lina Messina assumed the Chair and addressed the meeting.

4.4 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.

Officer 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 2021/2022 Mayor.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 21-141**MOVED: Cr. T Laurence****SECONDED: Cr. S Newton**

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 2021/2022 Mayor.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.5 DEPUTY MAYORAL ELECTION

The Mayor outlined the process for the election of the Deputy Mayor and invited nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor for the 2021/2022 Council Year.

Cr. Emily Dimitriadis nominated Cr. Julie Williams for election to the Office of Deputy Mayor and Cr. Gaetano Greco seconded the nomination. Cr. Williams accepted the nomination.

Cr. Susan Rennie nominated Cr. Trent McCarthy for election to the Office of Deputy Mayor and Cr. Susanne Newton seconded the nomination. Cr. McCarthy accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

The Mayor conducted the vote by show of hands. Cr. Trent McCarthy received the votes of an absolute majority of the Council.

In accordance with the Local Government Act 2020 and Council's Governance Rules 2020, the Mayor declared Cr. Trent McCarthy elected to the Office of Deputy Mayor of the City of Darebin for the 2021/2022 Council Year.

The Deputy Mayor Cr. Trent McCarthy addressed the meeting.

The Mayor invited other Councillors to address the meeting.

5. CLOSE OF MEETING


The meeting closed at 6.39 pm.

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