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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT DAREBIN CIVIC CENTRE,
350 HIGH ST, PRESTON ON TUESDAY 28 JUNE 2016**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 7.02 PM

1. PRESENT

Councillors

Cr Vince Fontana (Mayor) (Chairperson)

Cr Tim Laurence

Cr Bo Li

Cr Steven Tsitas

Cr Angela Villella

Cr Julie Williams

Council Officers

Rasiah Dev – Chief Executive

Katrina Knox – Director Community Development

Gavin Cator – Director Corporate Services

Jacinta Stevens – Executive Manager Corporate Governance and Performance

Katia Croce – Coordinator Council Business

2. APOLOGIES

Cr. Greco is on an approved leave of absence.

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

4. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

4.1 COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

MINUTE NO. 268

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Reviewed By: Chief Executive

Report Background

Changes to the *Local Government Act 1989* arising from the *Local Government Amendment (Improved Governance) Act 2015* were passed by the Parliament in October 2015. Immediate reforms were implemented to improve the accountability of Councillor's and improvements to support the integrity and efficient conduct of Council elections.

The Councillor Code of Conduct now requires amendment and must be adopted by 4 July in accordance with section 76C(1) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Previous Council Resolution

24 May 2016

Previous Briefing(s)

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor briefing.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 6: Open and Accountable Democracy

Summary

This report outlines the amendments made to the Councillor Code of Conduct for Council's consideration and adoption in accordance with section 76C(1) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. A. Villella

SECONDED: Cr. S. Tsitas

That Council:

- (1) Adopt the Councillor Code of Conduct attached as **Appendix A** to this report.
- (2) Note that Councillors must sign the Councillor Code of Conduct as their declaration that they will abide by the code in accordance with section 76C(6A) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (3) Note that each of the Councillor signatures must be witnessed by the CEO in accordance with section 76C(6B) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

- (4) Note that this Code will be reviewed within 4 months of each general election at which time a Special Council meeting will be scheduled solely for the purpose of reviewing and adopting this code.
- (5) Note that Council may determine to review this code every 12 months or as required.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

All Councillors present at the meeting signed the adopted Councillor Code of Conduct.

5. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 7.09 pm.