



STATUTORY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 21 November 2023

6pm

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Confirmed at the Council Meeting
on 19 December 2023

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING AND WELCOME

The commencement of the meeting and welcome was conducted by the CEO.

2. APOLOGIES

Cr Murphy

3. MAYOR'S REPORT ON THE PAST YEAR

The former Mayor presented a report on the past year in accordance with Governance Rule 22.

Motion to Accept Mayors Report

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council Accept the Mayoral Report for

2022/23 **Moved:** Cr Meddows-Taylor

Seconded: Cr de Villiers

Carried

Crs who spoke on the matter: Cr Meddows-Taylor, Cr Sproull, Cr de Villiers, Cr Lovett, Cr Long

4. ELECTION OF MAYOR

In accordance with section 25(3)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the CEO will take the Chair until the Mayoral election concludes.

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide for Council to set the Mayoral term at one or two years, and to elect a Councillor to the office of Mayor.

At its meeting on 21 November 2022, Council resolved not to elect a Deputy Mayor for the remainder of the current term.

S26 Clause 3 of the *Local Government Act* states 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." As there is only one year left in this term of Council, only a one-year term of Mayor can be determined.

Motion for Term of Mayoral term

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council determine the length of term of the Mayor to be set at one year. **Moved:** Cr Sproull

Seconded: Cr La Vella

Carried

Election of Mayor

The CEO called for nominations for Mayor.

A nomination for Cr Long was moved by Cr Sproull and seconded by Cr de Villiers. Cr Sproull spoke to the nomination.

The election was carried out in accordance with the *Governance Rules* and Cr Long was declared duly elected unopposed.

RECOMMENDATION:

That standing orders be suspended to allow for the incoming Mayor to address the meeting, and for photographs to be taken.

Moved: Cr Meddows-Taylor

Seconded: Cr Lovett

Carried

RECOMMENDATION:

That standing orders be resumed. **Moved:** Cr Meddows-Taylor **Seconded:** Cr Lovett

Carried

Election of Deputy Mayor

The *Local Government Act 2020* allows Councils to determine whether or not to elect a Deputy Mayor.

At its meeting on 21 November 2022, Council resolved not to elect a Deputy Mayor for the remainder of the current Council term.

5. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO COMMITTEES AND ORGANISATIONS

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

Councillors have the option to be appointed to various committees and statutory or regional bodies.

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council regarding current Committees of Council, Council representation committees and to seek appointments to these bodies.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council nominate its representatives to the committees and organisations as detailed in the table below.

External Committees

Committee/Statutory Body	Proposed Representatives
Municipal Association of Victoria	<i>Cr De Villiers Cr Long (alternative)</i>
Audit and Risk Committee	<i>Cr Murphy, Cr De Villiers</i>
Australia Day Committee	<i>All Councillors</i>
Rural Councils Victoria	<i>Cr Sproull</i>
CEO Employment Matters Advisory Committee	<i>Cr Long, Cr Meddows-Taylor, Cr Lovett</i>
Central Victoria Greenhouse Alliance	<i>Cr Sproull</i>
Municipal Emergency Management Committee	<i>Cr Sproull</i>
Energy Breakthrough Committee	<i>Cr Long</i>
Climate Action Collaboration	<i>Cr Long, Cr Sproull</i>
Walking and Cycling Committee	<i>Cr La Vella</i>

Community Asset Committees (CAC)

Committee	Proposed Representatives
Daisy Hill Community Centre Committee	<i>Cr Meddows-Taylor</i>
Adelaide Lead Hall Committee	<i>Cr Meddows-Taylor</i>
Talbot Town Hall Committee	<i>Cr Meddows-Taylor</i>
Talbot Community Homes Committee	<i>Cr Meddows-Taylor</i>
Dunolly Historic Precinct Management	<i>Cr Long</i>

Committee **Moved:** Cr Meddows-Taylor

Seconded: La Vella

Carried

Meeting ended: 6:30pm