



CONFIRMED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 26 November 2024

6:00pm

Meeting held in person

Town Hall, Maryborough, livestreamed on the internet.

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors:

Grace La Vella (Mayor)

Ben Green (Deputy Mayor)

Anna de Villiers

Jake Meyer

Geoff Bartlett

Gerard Murphy

Liesbeth Long

Confirmed at the 17 December 2024 Meeting

1. Commencement of Meeting and Welcome

The commencement of the meeting and welcome will be conducted by the Interim Chief Executive Officer, Sally Jones.

The Interim Chief Executive Officer will act as Chairperson to conduct the formal process of Mayoral Election.

The meeting commenced at 6pm, welcoming all present, with an Acknowledgement of Country and the Council Prayer.

Present

Councillors:

Grace La Vella
Ben Green
Anna de Villiers
Jake Meyer
Geoff Bartlett
Gerard Murphy
Liesbeth Long

Officers:

Interim Chief Executive Officer Sally Jones
General Manager Community Wellbeing Emma Little
General Manager Assets Infrastructure and Planning Amber Ricks
General Manager Corporate Performance Mick Smith
Manager Governance Property and Risk Cecilia Connellan

2. Apologies

Nil

3. Conflicts of Interest

Nil

4. Election of Mayor

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide for Council to set the Mayoral and Deputy Mayor term at one or two years.

To elect a Councillor to the office of Mayor and decided if the council is to establish an office of a deputy mayor.

S20A (1) A Council may establish an office of Deputy Mayor. (2) If the Council has established an office of Deputy Mayor, the provisions of this Act relating to the office of Deputy Mayor apply. (3) If a Council has not established an office of Deputy Mayor, section 20B applies.

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."

The Mayoral election must be chaired by the Chief Executive Officer who will call for nomination.

Motion for Term of Mayoral term

MOTION:

That Council determines the length of term of the Mayor to be set at one year.

Moved: Cr La Vella

Seconded: Cr de Villiers

Carried

Cr who spoke to item: Nil

Motion for Election of Mayor

MOTION:

That nominations be called for the office of Mayor.

Moved: Cr Murphy

Seconded: Cr Long

Carried

Cr who spoke to item: Nil

Election of Mayor

The CEO called for nominations for Mayor.

A nomination for Cr Long was moved by Cr Long and seconded by Cr Meyer.

A nomination for Cr La Vella was moved by Cr de Villiers and seconded by Cr Green.

A nomination for Cr Murphy was moved by Cr Murphy and seconded by Nil. Nomination lapsed.

The election was carried out in accordance with the Governance Rules and with an absolute majority Cr La Vella was declared as Mayor

MOTION:

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

Moved: Mayor Vella

Seconded: Cr de Villiers

Carried

Cr who Spoke to the Item: Nil

MOTION:

That standing orders be resumed.

Moved: Cr Long

Seconded: Cr Barlett

Carried

Cr who Spoke to the Item: Nil

Motion for Establishment of the Office of Deputy Mayor

ALTERNATIVE MOTION

That Council, determines not to establish an office of the Deputy Mayor.

Moved: Cr Murphy

Seconded: Cr Meyer

Lapsed

Cr who Spoke to the Item: Cr Murphy

AMENDED MOTION

That Council, determines to establish an office of Deputy Mayor for a term of one year.

Moved: Cr de Villiers

Seconded: Cr Green

Carried

Cr who Spoke to the Item: Cr de Villiers

Division Called by Cr Murphy:

For: Cr Long, Cr Meyer, Cr De Villiers, Mayor La Vella, Cr Green, Cr Bartlett

Against: Cr Murphy

Election of Deputy Mayor

The Mayor called for nominations for Deputy Mayor.

A nomination for Cr Green was moved by Cr De Villiers and seconded by Cr Bartlett.

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

Division Called by Cr Murphy:

For: Cr Long, Cr Meyer, Cr De Villiers, Mayor La Vella, Cr Green, Cr Bartlett

Against: Cr Murphy

5. Appointment of Representative/s 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 nominates its representatives to the committees for a one-year term as follows.

Committee/Statutory Body	Proposed Representative/s <i>(pending the nomination of a Councillor representative/s)</i>
Municipal Association of Victoria	Cr de Villiers
Audit and Risk Committee	Cr Bartlett Cr de Villiers
Australia Day Committee	All Councillors
Rural Councils Victoria	Cr Meyer
CEO Employment Matters Advisory Committee	All Councillors
Central Victoria Greenhouse Alliance	Cr Long
Municipal Emergency Management Committee/ Municipal Fire Management Committee	Cr Green Cr Meyer
Energy Breakthrough Committee	Cr Long
Climate Action Stewarding Group	Cr Bartlett
Walking and Cycling Advisory Group	Mayor La Vella
Tullaroop Creek Carisbrook Advisory Group	Cr de Villiers
Aerodrome Advisory Group	Cr Bartlett
Maryborough Heritage Review Reference Group	Group no long meets no representative required

Community Asset Committees (CACs)

Committee/Statutory Body	Proposed Representative/s <i>(pending the nomination of a Councillor representative/s)</i>
Daisy Hill Community Centre Committee	Cr Green
Adelaide Lead Hall Committee	Cr Green

Talbot Town Hall Committee	Cr Green
Talbot Community Homes Committee	Cr Green
Dunolly Historic Precinct Management Committee	Cr Long
Tullaroop Leisure Centre Committee	Cr de Villiers

Moved: Cr Green
Seconded: Cr Murphy

Carried

Cr who Spoke to the Item: Nil

6. Recording of the Oath or Affirmation of Office

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

Following the declaration of the Local Government Election Poll on 8 November 2024, Councillors were sworn into office on 13 November and 14 November 2024, as required by the Local Government Act 2020.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the affirmations and oath of office taken by Councillors on 13 and 14 November 2024.

Moved: Cr Long
Seconded: Cr Meyer

Carried

Cr who spoke to the item: Nil

Mayor La Vella – Mayor Speech

5. MEETING CLOSURE -

The meeting closed at 6.37pm