



MINUTES

Annual (Statutory) Meeting of Warrnambool City Council

5.45pm Monday 11 November 2013

VENUE:

**Reception Room
Civic Centre
25 Liebig Street
Warrnambool**

Copies of the Warrnambool City Council's Agendas & Minutes can be obtained online at www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au

COUNCILLORS

Cr. Michael Neoh (Mayor)
Cr. Rob Askew
Cr. Jacinta Ermacora
Cr. Kylie Gaston
Cr. Peter Hulin
Cr. Brian Kelson
Cr. Peter Sycopoulis

ORDER OF BUSINESS**Page No.**

1. Opening and welcome.....	3
2. Opening Prayer and Original Custodians Statement.....	3
3. Election of Temporary Chairperson.....	3
4. Apologies.....	3
5. Declaration by Councillors of any conflict of interest (including direct or indirect pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda).	3
6. Term of Office of Mayor.....	4
7. Procedure for Election of Mayor	4
8. Nominations to be called for the position of Mayor.....	4
9. Presentation to Incoming Mayor	5
a) Presentation of Mayoral Pendant and Gavel to the Mayor.	
b) Congratulations and support from Council and Chief Executive.	
c) Mayor's response.	
10. Ceremonial motions	5
a) Motion of loyalty.	
b) Motion to Parliamentarians, community members of advisory committees and volunteers.	
c) Motion to recognise Sister City Relationship with Miura, Japan and Changchun, China.	
d) Motion of recognition of working relationship with councils of the Great South Coast region	
11. Close of meeting	5

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL (STATUTORY) MEETING OF THE WARRNAMBOOL CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE RECEPTION ROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, 25 LIEBIG STREET, WARRNAMBOOL
MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2013 COMMENCING AT 5.45 PM**

PRESENT: Cr. Michael Neoh (Mayor/Chairman)
Cr. Rob Askew
Cr. Jacinta Ermacora
Cr. Kylie Gaston
Cr. Brian Kelson
Cr. Peter Hulin
Cr. Peter Sycopoulis

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Bruce Anson, Chief Executive

1. OPENING & WELCOME

2. OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God
Grant to this Council
Wisdom, understanding and Sincerity of purpose
For the Good Governance of this City
Amen.

ORIGINAL CUSTODIANS STATEMENT

I wish to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we stand and pay my respects to their Elders past and present.

3. ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON

Cr. Askew nominated Cr. Ermacora as Temporary Chairperson.

Cr. Sycopoulis nominated Cr. Kelson as Temporary Chairperson.

Following a show of hands, Cr. Ermacora received 4 votes and Cr. Kelson received 3 votes, Cr. Ermacora was duly elected as Temporary Chairperson

4. APOLOGIES

Nil.

5. DECLARATION BY COUNCILLORS OF ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST (INCLUDING DIRECT OR INDIRECT PECUNIARY INTEREST IN ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA)

Nil.

6. TERM OF OFFICE OF MAYOR**PURPOSE**

To determine the term of the Mayor.

Following changes to provisions of the Local Government Act 1989 relating to the term a Mayor is elected for, Council may resolve to elect a Mayor for a term of 2 years. If no decision is made, the term of the Mayor remains as 1 year. This decision must be made before the Mayor is elected.

Where the Mayor is elected for a term of 2 years, the next Mayoral election must be after the fourth Saturday in October but not later than 30 November in the second year after the previous Mayoral election.

Prior to electing the Mayor, the Council is required to determine if the Mayoral term is 1 or 2 years.

MOVED: CR. GASTON

SECONDED: CR. ASKEW

That the term of the Mayor be for a period of 1 year.

CARRIED - 7:0

7. PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION OF MAYOR**PURPOSE**

This report is to give information regarding the procedure for Election of Mayor.

1. INTRODUCTION

The procedure for Election of the Mayor is prescribed in the Local Government Act 1989, Section 71.

Where there is more than one candidate, the method of voting is that where no candidate receives an absolute majority of votes, the candidate with the fewest number of votes is declared to be defeated. This procedure continues until one of the candidates has an absolute majority.

The Local Government Act requires that Councillors must elect a Councillor to be the Mayor at a meeting that is open to the public. The election of Mayor must not be done by secret ballot.

All Councillors are permitted to remain and vote as the issue of possible conflict of interest is specifically exempted in Section 79C of the Local Government Act 1989.

MOVED: CR. ERMACORA

SECONDED: CR. NEOH

That this report be received.

CARRIED - 7:0

8. NOMINATIONS TO BE CALLED FOR THE POSITION OF MAYOR

Cr. Gaston nominated Cr Michael Neoh for the position of Mayor.

Cr. Kelson nominated Cr. Peter Hulin for the position of Mayor.

Each candidate was then given the opportunity to speak to their Mayoral nomination.

Following a show of hands, with Cr. Neoh receiving 4 votes and Cr. Hulin receiving 3 votes, Cr. Neoh was declared duly elected as Mayor for 2013-14,

9. PRESENTATION TO INCOMING MAYOR

- a) The Mayoral Pendant and Gavel were presented to the incoming Mayor.
- b) Congratulations and support to the Mayor were conveyed from Council and Chief Executive.
- c) The elected Mayor for 2013/14 Cr. Michael Neoh addressed the meeting relating to key issues and challenges facing the Council over particularly the next 12 months.

10. CEREMONIAL MOTIONS**PURPOSE**

This report lists various ceremonial motions to be considered at the Council's Annual Meeting on 11 November 2013.

(a) MOTION OF LOYALTY

MOVED: CR. KELSON
SECONDED CR. SYCOPOULIS

That Warrnambool City Council declare its loyalty and allegiance to Australia, the State of Victoria and the citizens of Warrnambool.

CARRIED - 7:0

(b) MOTION TO PARLIAMENTARIANS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND VOLUNTEERS

MOVED: CR. HULIN
SECONDED: CR. ASKEW

That the Warrnambool City Council places on record its appreciation to the Citizens of this City and district who have so willingly contributed to the governance and well being of the City and its services through their roles as Members of Parliament, service as community members of advisory committees and as volunteers, assisting in many Council and community activities.

CARRIED - 7:0

(c) MOTION TO RECOGNISE THE SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH MIURA, JAPAN & CHANGCHUN, CHINA

MOVED: CR. ASKEW
SECONDED: CR. ERMACORA

That Warrnambool City Council place on record its commitment to international peace and understanding by its participation in the Sister City Relationship with Miura, Japan and Changchun, China.

CARRIED - 7:0

(d) MOTION OF RECOGNITION OF WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH NEIGHBOURING AND REGIONAL COUNCILS

MOVED: CR. SYCOPOULIS
SECONDED: CR. GASTON

That Warrnambool City Council place on record its desire to work for the well being of the region through co-operation with its neighbours and regional Councils.

CARRIED - 7:0

The meeting closed at 6.08pm.

CHAIRMAN

I certify that these minutes were confirmed at a subsequent meeting of Council

.....
CR. MICHAEL NEOH
MAYOR