



MINUTES

Annual Meeting of Warrnambool City Council

5.45pm Monday 27 October 2014

VENUE:
Reception Room
Civic Centre
25 Liebig Street
Warrnambool

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COUNCILLORS

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

Bruce Anson
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL (STATUTORY) MEETING OF THE
WARRNAMBOOL CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE RECEPTION ROOM,
WARRNAMBOOL CIVIC CENTRE, 25 LIEBIG STREET, WARRNAMBOOL
ON MONDAY 27 OCTOBER 2014 COMMENCING AT 5.45 PM**

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

There being no further nominations, 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. HULIN
SECONDED: CR. SYCOPOULIS

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. ASKEW
SECONDED: CR. GASTON

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

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

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

The Temporary Chairperson advised that each Mayoral nominee would be given the opportunity of 3 minutes to speak to their nomination.

MOVED: CR. KELSON
SECONDED: CR. HULIN

That each candidate nominated for the position of Mayor be limited to no more than 10 minutes to speak their nomination.

LOST – 3:4

Crs. Neoh, Ermacora, Askew & Gaston voting against the motion

Crs. Hulin, Sycopoulis & Kelson voting for the motion

Each candidate (in alphabetical order) was then given the opportunity to speak to their nomination.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

The Temporary Chairperson advised that she would place the Mayoral nominations before the Council in order of their nomination.

The first Councillor nominated was Councillor Michael Neoh.

Cr Neoh was supported by Crs. Gaston, Ermacora, Askew and Neoh.

Being an absolute majority, Cr. Michael Neoh was duly elected as Mayor for 2014/15.

9. PRESENTATION TO INCOMING MAYOR

- a) The Mayoral Pendant and Gavel were presented to the incoming Mayor.
- b) Congratulations and support to Mayor were conveyed from Crs Gaston, Askew, Ermacora, Sycopoulis and the Chief Executive.
- c) The elected Mayor for 2014/15, Cr. Michael Neoh addressed the meeting relating to key issues and challenges facing the Council in the next 12 months.

10. CEREMONIAL MOTIONS

PURPOSE

This report lists various ceremonial motions to be considered at the Council's Annual Meeting on 27 October 2014.

(a) MOTION OF LOYALTY

**MOVED: CR. KELSON
SECONDED: CR. ERMACORA**

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. NEOH**

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 & KNOXVILLE, USA

**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, Changchun, China and Knoxville, USA.

CARRIED – 7:0

(d) MOTION OF RECOGNITION OF WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH COUNCILS OF THE GREAT SOUTH COAST REGION

**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 councils of the Great South Coast region.

CARRIED – 7:0

The meeting closed at 6.21pm.

CHAIRMAN