



MINUTES

Annual Meeting of Warrnambool City Council

5.45pm Monday 30 November 2015

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 30 NOVEMBER 2015 COMMENCING AT 5.45 PM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Bruce Anson, Chief Executive

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

The Chief Executive welcomed Councillors and members of the public to the Annual Meeting.

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 Neoh as Temporary Chairperson.

There being no further nominations, Cr. Neoh 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. PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION OF MAYOR

PURPOSE

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

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. ASKEW

That this report be received.

CARRIED – 7:0

7. NOMINATIONS TO BE CALLED FOR THE POSITION OF MAYOR

The Acting Chairman invited nomination/s for the Office of Mayor for 2015-16.

- Cr. Ermacora nominated Cr. Kylie Gaston for the position of Mayor.
- Cr. Sycopoulis nominated Cr. Peter Hulin for the position of Mayor.

Each candidate for the position of Mayor was given the opportunity to speak for 5 minutes in order of nomination.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

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

The first Councillor nominated was Councillor Kylie Gaston.

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

Being an absolute majority, Cr. Kylie Gaston was duly elected as Mayor for 2015/16.

8. PRESENTATION TO INCOMING MAYOR

- a) The Mayoral Pendant and Gavel were presented to the incoming Mayor Cr. Gaston by the Acting Chairperson, Cr. Neoh.
- b) Congratulations and support to Cr. Gaston were conveyed from Crs Neoh, Askew, Ermacora, Sycopoulis, Kelson, Hulin and Chief Executive.
- c) The elected Mayor for 2015/16, Cr. Kylie Gaston addressed the meeting.

9. CEREMONIAL MOTIONS

PURPOSE

This report lists various ceremonial motions to be considered at the Council's Annual Meeting on 30 November 2015.

(a) MOTION OF LOYALTY

MOVED: CR. HULIN
SECONDED: CR. ASKEW

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. ERMACORA
SECONDED: CR. KELSON

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. NEOH

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. KELSON

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 6.15pm.

CHAIRMAN