



MINUTES

Special Meeting of Warrnambool City Council

5.45pm - Monday 26 October 2015

VENUE:

**Reception Room
25 Liebig Street
Warrnambool**

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COUNCILLORS

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

**Bruce Anson
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WARRNAMBOOL CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE RECEPTION ROOM, WARRNAMBOOL CIVIC CENTRE, 25 LIEBIG STREET, WARRNAMBOOL ON MONDAY 26 OCTOBER 2015 COMMENCING AT 5.45 PM

PRESENT: Cr. Peter Hulin, Acting Mayor/Chairman
Cr. Rob Askew
Cr. Kylie Gaston
Cr. Brian Kelson

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Kevin Leddin, Director Corporate Strategies
Mr Bill Millard, Director City Growth
Mr Peter Robertson, Director City Infrastructure
Ms. Vikki King, Director Community Development
Ms. Wendy Clark, Executive Assistant

1. 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.

2. APOLOGIES

- 2.1 Cr Sycopoulis – Leave of Absence
- 2.2 Cr Neoh – Leave of Absence
- 2.3 Cr Ermacora

3. DECLARATION BY COUNCILLORS & OFFICERS OF ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Pursuant to Sections 77, 78 and 79 of the Local Government Act 1989 (as amended) direct and indirect conflict of interest must be declared prior to debate on specific items within the agenda; or in writing to the Chief Executive Officer before the meeting. Declaration of indirect interests must also include the classification of the interest (in circumstances where a Councillor has made a Declaration in writing, the classification of the interest must still be declared at the meeting), i.e.

- (a) direct financial interest
- (b) indirect interest by close association
- (c) indirect interest that is an indirect financial interest
- (d) indirect interest because of conflicting duties
- (e) indirect interest because of receipt of an applicable gift
- (f) indirect interest as a consequence of becoming an interested party
- (g) indirect interest as a result of impact on residential amenity
- (h) conflicting personal interest

A Councillor who has declared a conflict of interest, must leave the meeting and remain outside the room while the matter is being considered, or any vote is taken. Councillors are also encouraged to declare circumstances where there may be a perceived conflict of interest.

Nil.

4. REPORTS

4.1 WARRNAMBOOL CITY COUNCIL 2014/2015 ANNUAL REPORT

PURPOSE

This report presents the 2014/15 Annual Report to Council, including a Report of Operations, Council Profile, Governance and Compliance, audited Financial Report and other matters required by legislation.

BACKGROUND

Section 134 of the Local Government Act 1989 (“the Act”) and reporting regulations require Council to consider the Annual Report at a meeting of Council within 30 days of the Annual Report being lodged with the Minister for Local Government.

On 25 September 2015 the Auditor-General gave notification that Council’s Financial Report and Performance Statement for the year ended 30 June 2015 had been audited and that an unqualified audit opinion had been issued on all statements.

As required by Section 131(6) of the Local Government Act 1989 (“the Act”) Council forwarded a copy of the 2014/2015 Annual Report (which contains all matters required by Section 131 of the Act) and the Local Government (Planning & Reporting) Regulations 2014, to the Minister for Local Government by the 30 September deadline.

A copy of the 2015-15 Annual report is **enclosed separately**.

In accordance with Section 134 of the Act the meeting has been advertised and the Annual Report loaded onto Council website. Council is required to “consider” the Annual Report once it has been lodged with the Minister.

ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report is a comprehensive review of highlights and achievements for the 2014/2015 financial year.

For 2014/15 Local Government Victoria introduced a new Annual report template, which is supported by the Local Government Act and the Local Government (Planning & Reporting) Regulations 2014. 2014/15 also saw the first time application of the Local Government Performance Reporting framework, with reporting indicators incorporated in the new Annual report format.

The new Annual Report format is designed to create uniformity across the sector, consistent with annual budget and financial statements which have mandated reporting formats.

The Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with the new requirements and includes:

- Report of operations
- Summary of the year in review
- Our council - council profile
- Our people – organisational details
- Our performance
- Governance
- Financial reports & performance statement

MOVED: CR. KELSON
SECONDED CR. GASTON

That Council considers the Warrnambool City Council 2014/2015 Annual Report in accordance with Section 134 of the Local Government Act 1989.

CARRIED – 4:0

5. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 6.08pm.

ACTING CHAIRMAN