

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, 14 November 2017

Held at the
Council Conference & Reception Centre
City Hall, Little Malop Street, Geelong
commencing at 6.30 p.m.

COUNCIL:

Cr B Harwood (*Kardinia Ward*)
Mayor

Cr S Asher (*Bellarine Ward*)
Cr J Mason (*Bellarine Ward*)
Cr T Sullivan (*Bellarine Ward*)

Cr E Kontelj (*Brownbill Ward*)
Cr S Mansfield (*Brownbill Ward*)
Cr P Murrhy (*Brownbill Ward*)

Cr R Nelson (*Kardinia Ward*)
Cr P Murnane (*Kardinia Ward*)

Cr A Aitken (*Windermere Ward*)
Cr K Grzybek (*Windermere Ward*)

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE GREATER GEELONG CITY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CONFERENCE AND RECEPTION CENTRE
CITY HALL, LITTLE MALOP STREET, GEELONG
TUESDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2017
COMMENCING AT 6.30P.M.**

PRESENT: Crs A Aitken, S Asher, K Grzybek, B Harwood, E Kontelj, S Mansfield, J Mason, P Murnane, P Murrhiy, R Nelson, T Sullivan

Also present: K Spiller (Chief Executive Officer), G Lawler (Acting Director Manager Planning and Development), B Luxford (Director Investment & Attraction), G Wilson-Browne (Director City Services), L Quinn (Director Community Life), P Anderson (Acting Director Finance & Strategy), A Keen (Executive Manager People and Organisation Development), R Leonard (Executive Manager Legal Services & Governance)

OPENING: The Chief Executive Officer declared the meeting open at 6.30pm

PURPOSE FOR SPECIAL MEETING:

The purpose of the Special Meeting is for Councillors to be sworn in, sign the Councillor Code of Conduct and to elect a Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the Greater Geelong City Council. The meeting has been called in accordance with Section 84A of the Local Government Act 1989.

- **Acknowledgement**

Council acknowledges Wadawurrung Traditional Owners of this land and all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People who are part of the Greater Geelong community today.

- **Apologies - Nil**

- **Oath of Office**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 63 of the Local Government Act 1989, a person elected as a Councillor cannot act in that capacity unless they have made an 'Oath of Office'. The Oath is made using a Bible, or alternately an Affirmation may be made.

The Oath or Affirmation of Office must be made before the Chief Executive Officer and recorded in the minutes of the Council.

The Chief Executive Officer invited Councillors to come forward to make an Oath or Affirmation of Office as follows:

Cr. A. Aitken, Cr. S. Asher, Cr. K. Grzybek, Cr. B. Harwood, Cr. E. Kontelj, Cr. S. Mansfield, Cr. J. Mason, Cr. P. Murnane, Cr. P. Murrhiy, Cr. R. Nelson, Cr. T. Sullivan

OATH/AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE:

“I, (Councillor), swear by Almighty God/solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm, that I will undertake the duties of the Office of Councillor in the best interests of the people in the municipal district of Greater Geelong City Council and faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1989 or any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement.”

- **Councillor Code of Conduct Declaration**

This Declaration must be made before the Chief Executive Officer and recorded in the minutes of the Council.

The Chief Executive Officer invited each Councillor to sign the Declaration in relation to the Councillor Code of Conduct:

“I, (Councillor), have read and will abide by the Councillor Code of Conduct.”

- **Nomination for Temporary Chairperson**

Cr Harwood moved, Cr T Sullivan seconded –

That Ron Nelson be nominated as Temporary Chairperson until the appointment of a Mayor.

Carried.

- **Election of Mayor**

Cr Nelson invited nominations for the Office of Mayor.

Cr Aitken moved, Cr Mason seconded –

That Cr Harwood be nominated to be Mayor of the City of Greater Geelong.

Carried.

There being no further nominations, Cr Bruce Harwood was declared elected as Mayor of the City of Greater Geelong.

Cr Harwood assumed the Chair.

- **Election of Deputy Mayor**

The Mayor invited nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor.

Cr Grzybek moved, Cr Murnane seconded –

That Cr Murrhy be nominated to be Deputy Mayor of the City of Greater Geelong.

Carried.

There being no further nominations, Cr Peter Murrphy was declared elected as Deputy Mayor of the City of Greater Geelong.

Newly elected Mayor, Cr Bruce Harwood, briefly addressed the meeting.

CLOSE OF MEETING

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7.00pm Tuesday, 14 November, 2017.

Signed: _____
Cr Bruce Harwood (Mayor)

Date of Confirmation: _____