

MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 8 November 2022
6:00 pm

City Hall
57 Little Malop Street, Geelong 3220

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COUNCIL:

Cr T Sullivan (Bellarine Ward) – Mayor
Cr A Aitken (Windermere Ward) – Deputy Mayor
Cr S Asher (Bellarine Ward)
Cr J Mason (Bellarine Ward)
Cr E Kontelj (Brownbill Ward)
Cr S Mansfield (Brownbill Ward)
Cr P Murrihy (Brownbill Ward)
Cr B Harwood (Kardinia Ward)
Cr B Moloney (Kardinia Ward)
Cr R Nelson (Kardinia Ward)
Cr K Grzybek (Windermere Ward)

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Present: Crs A Aitken, S Asher, K Grzybek, B Harwood, E Kontelj, S Mansfield (Virtual Attendance), J Mason, B Moloney, P Murrhiy, R Nelson, T Sullivan

Also Present: K Phyland (Acting Chief Executive Officer), S McKew (Manager Governance)

Opening: The Acting Chief Executive Officer declared the meeting open at 6.00pm.

1. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1.1. Acknowledgement of Country

Council acknowledges the Wadawurrung People as the Traditional Owners of the Land, Waterways and Skies. We pay our respects to their Elders, past and present. We acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are part of our Greater Geelong community today.

1.2. Apologies

Nil.

1.3. Leaves of Absence

Nil.

1.4. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

Nil.

2. REPORTS

2.1. Election of Mayor

Source: Office of the Chief Executive
A/Chief Executive Officer: Kaarina Phyland

Purpose

1. To elect a Mayor of the Greater Geelong City Council.

Background

2. Section 26(2) of the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act) provides that the Mayor of the Greater Geelong City Council must be elected for a 2 year term.
3. The current two-year Mayoral term commenced 12 November 2020.
4. In accordance with Section 25(1) of the Act Councillors must elect a Councillor to be Mayor at a Council meeting open to the public.

Key Matters

5. The election of the Mayor must be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Governance Rules. As such, the election of the Mayor will be chaired by the Acting Chief Executive Officer.
6. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Mayor must be elected by an absolute majority of the Councillors.

RESOLUTION - Item 2.1

Cr Kontelj moved, Cr Asher seconded -

That Council elect Cr Trent Sullivan as the Mayor of Greater Geelong City Council for the period until the next Council Election on 26 October 2024.

Carried

Cr Trent Sullivan was elected Mayor of the Greater Geelong City Council.

Cr Sullivan assumed the Chair and briefly addressed the meeting.

Financial Sustainability

7. Funds are allocated annually for the office of Mayor.

Community Engagement

8. The Act provides that the Councillors must elect a Councillor to be Mayor of the Council, therefore community engagement is not appropriate.

Social Equity and Sustainability

9. Section 25(2) of the Act provides that subject to section 167, Determinations by a Councillor Conduct Panel, any Councillor is eligible for election to the office of Mayor.

Relevant Law/Policy/Legal Implications

10. The election of Mayor is to be conducted in accordance with section 25 of the Act and the Governance Rules.

Alignment to Community Plan and Vision

11. This report aligns with Our Community Plan 2021-2025 strategic priority:
High-performing council and organisation.

Conflict of Interest

12. No officer involved in the preparation of this report declared a general or material conflict of interest.

Risk Assessment

13. In accordance with section 25(5) of the Act, if an absolute majority of the Councillors cannot be obtained at the meeting to elect a Mayor, the Council may resolve to conduct a new election at a later specified time and date.

Environmental Sustainability

14. There are no environmental implications associated with this report.

Attachments

Nil

2.2. Election of Deputy Mayor

Source: Office of the Chief Executive
A/Chief Executive Officer: Kaarina Phyland

Purpose

1. To elect a Deputy Mayor of the Greater Geelong City Council.

Background

2. Council resolved to establish an office of Deputy Mayor on 12 November 2020 in accordance with section 20A of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act).
3. Having established an office of Deputy Mayor, the Deputy Mayor must perform the role of the Mayor if the Mayor is unable or incapable of performing their role or if the office of the Mayor is vacant.
4. The current two-year Deputy Mayoral term commenced 12 November 2020.
5. In accordance with Section 22(1) of the Act Councillors must elect a Councillor to be Deputy Mayor at a Council meeting open to the public.

Key Matters

6. The election of the Deputy Mayor must be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Governance Rules.
7. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Deputy Mayor must be elected by an absolute majority of the Councillors.

RESOLUTION - Item 2.2

Cr Grzybek moved, Cr Nelson seconded -

That Council elect Cr Anthony Aitken as the Deputy Mayor of Greater Geelong City Council for the period until the next Council Election on 26 October 2024.

Carried

Cr Anthony Aitken was elected Deputy Mayor of the Greater Geelong City Council and briefly addressed the meeting.

Financial Sustainability

8. Funds are allocated annually for the office of Deputy Mayor.

Community Engagement

9. The Act provides that the Councillors must elect a Councillor to be Deputy Mayor of the Council once the office of Deputy Mayor is established, therefore community engagement is not appropriate.

Social Equity and Sustainability

10. There are no social equity or sustainability considerations associated with this report.

Relevant Law/Policy/Legal Implications

11. The election of Deputy Mayor is to be conducted in accordance with section 27 of the Act and the Governance Rules.

Alignment to Community Plan and Vision

12. This report aligns with Our Community Plan 2021-2025 strategic priority:
High-performing council and organisation.

Conflict of Interest

13. No officer involved in the preparation of this report declared a general or material conflict of interest.

Risk Assessment

14. In accordance with section 25(5) of the Act, if an absolute majority of the Councillors cannot be obtained at the meeting to elect a Deputy Mayor, the Council may resolve to conduct a new election at a later specified time and date.

Environmental Sustainability

15. There are no environmental implications associated with this report.

Attachments

Nil

CLOSE OF MEETING

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 6.15pm on Tuesday 8 November 2022.

Signed: _____

Cr Trent Sullivan (Mayor)

Date: _____