

MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 26 November 2024
6:30 pm

City Hall
57 Little Malop Street, Geelong 3220

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COUNCIL:

Cr S Kontelj (Kardinia Ward) – Mayor
Cr R Nelson (Barrabool Hills Ward) – Deputy Mayor
Cr E Sinclair (Charlemont Ward)
Cr M Cadwell (Cheetham Ward)
Cr E Wilkinson (Connewarre Ward)
Cr A Aitken (Corio Ward)
Cr A Katos (Deakin Ward)
Cr E Kontelj (Hamlyn Heights Ward)
Cr T Sullivan (Leopold Ward)
Cr R Story (Murradoc Ward)
Cr C Burson (You Yangs Ward)

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Present: Cr S Kontelj (Mayor)
Cr R Nelson (Deputy Mayor)
Cr E Sinclair
Cr M Cadwell
Cr E Wilkinson
Cr A Aitken
Cr A Katos
Cr E Kontelj
Cr T Sullivan
Cr R Story
Cr C Burson

Also Present: A Wastie (Chief Executive Officer), T Edwards (Executive Director, Corporate Services), T Bradley (Executive Director, Placemaking), J Stirton (Executive Director, City Infrastructure), A Basford (Executive Director City Life), A Martin (Chief Governance and Risk Officer), J Douglas (Manager Council & Corporate Governance), E Ryan (Senior Governance Advisor – Council Business), D Pangrazio (Governance Officer).

Opening: The Chief Executive Officer declared the meeting open at 6.33pm.

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, present and emerging. 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

1.5. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLUTION - Item 1.5.1

Cr T Sullivan moved, Cr R Nelson seconded -

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22 October 2024 be confirmed.

Carried

2. REPORTS

2.1. Election of Mayor

Source: Corporate Services
Executive Director: Troy Edwards

Purpose

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

Background

2. Section 25(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) provides for Councillors to elect the Mayor at a Council meeting open to the public.
3. Section 26(1) of the Act provides that a Mayor is to be elected no later than one month after the date of a general election.

Key Matters

4. 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 Chief Executive Officer.
5. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Mayor must be elected by an absolute majority of the Councillors.
6. Section 26(2) of the Act provides that the Mayor of the Greater Geelong City Council must be elected for a 2-year term.

RESOLUTION - Item 2.1

Cr T Sullivan moved, Cr E Kontelj seconded -

That Council elect Cr Stretch Kontelj as the Mayor of the Greater Geelong City Council for a two-year term.

Carried

Cr Stretch Kontelj was elected Mayor of the Greater Geelong City Council.

Mayor Kontelj briefly addressed the meeting.

Financial Sustainability

7. Funds for allowances for the office of Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors are allocated in the annual budget process.
8. Allowances are set in accordance with section 23A of the *Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal and Improving Parliamentary Standards Act 2019 (Vic)*, the Victorian Independent Remunerations Tribunal sets the Allowance payable to Mayors, Deputy Mayors, and Councillors.

Community Engagement

9. 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

10. 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

11. The election of the Mayor is to be conducted in accordance with section 25 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 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

Suspension of Standing Orders

Cr T Sullivan moved, Cr R Nelson seconded -

The CEO called for a suspension of standing orders at 6:46pm to allow for the rearrangement of seating arrangements.

Carried

Resumption of Standing Orders

Cr T Sullivan moved, Cr R Nelson seconded -

The Mayor assumed the Chair and called for the resumption of standing orders at 6:48pm.

Carried

2.2. Election of Deputy Mayor

Source: Corporate Services

Executive Director: Troy Edwards

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. In accordance with Section 27 of the Act Councillors must elect a Councillor to be Deputy Mayor at a Council meeting open to the public.

Key Matters

5. The election of the Deputy Mayor must be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Governance Rules.
6. 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 A Aitken moved, Cr A Katos seconded -

That Council elect Cr Ron Nelson as the Deputy Mayor of Greater Geelong City Council for a two-year term.

Carried

Cr Ron Nelson was elected Deputy Mayor of the Greater Geelong City Council.

Deputy Mayor Nelson briefly addressed the meeting.

Financial Sustainability

7. Funds for allowances for the office of Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors are allocated in the annual budget process.
8. Allowances are set in accordance with section 23A of the *Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal and Improving Parliamentary Standards Act 2019 (Vic)*, the Victorian Independent Remunerations Tribunal sets the Allowance payable to Mayors, Deputy Mayors, and Councillors.

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.
12. The role of the Deputy Mayor is set out in section 21 of the Act.

Alignment to Community Plan and Vision

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

Conflict of Interest

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

Risk Assessment

15. 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

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

Attachments

Nil

Suspension of Standing Orders

Cr T Sullivan moved, Cr R Nelson seconded -

The Mayor called for a suspension of standing orders at 6:50pm.

Carried

Resumption of Standing Orders

Cr E Wilkinson moved, Cr T Sullivan seconded -

The Mayor called for the resumption of standing orders at 6:58pm

Carried

2.3. Councillor Oaths and Affirmations of Office

Source: Corporate Services
Executive Director: Troy Edwards

Purpose

1. To record the Oaths and Affirmations Office undertaken by Councillors elected at the 2024 Greater Geelong City Council Election.

Background

2. A person elected to be a Councillor is not capable of acting as a Councillor until they have taken the oath or Affirmation of office in accordance with section 30 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act).

Key Matters

3. The Victorian Electoral Commission declared the results of the Greater Geelong City Council 2024 Election on 14 November 2024. The successful candidates were:
 - 3.1. Barrabool Hills Ward – Ron Nelson
 - 3.2. Charlemont Ward – Emma Sinclair
 - 3.3. Cheetham Ward – Melissa Cadwell
 - 3.4. Connewarre Ward – Elise Wilkinson
 - 3.5. Corio Ward – Anthony Aitken
 - 3.6. Deakin Ward – Andrew Katos
 - 3.7. Hamlyn Heights Ward – Eddy Kontelj
 - 3.8. Kardinia Ward – Stretch Kontelj
 - 3.9. Leopold Ward – Trent Sullivan
 - 3.10. Murradoc Ward - Rowan Story; and
 - 3.11. You Yangs Ward – Chris Burson
4. Ali Wastie, Chief Executive Officer administered the Oaths and Affirmations on 18 November 2024.

5. A copy of the dated and signed Oaths and Affirmations are included as **Attachment 1**.

RESOLUTION - Item 2.3

Cr E Wilkinson moved, Cr E Sinclair seconded -

That Council note the Oaths and Affirmations of Councillors as per Attachment 1.

Carried

Financial Sustainability

6. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Community Engagement

7. A copy of the prescribed Oaths and Affirmations will be available to the community as part of formal Council minutes.

Social Equity and Sustainability

8. There is no social equity implications associated with this report.

Relevant Law/Policy/Legal Implications

9. The Oaths and Affirmations were undertaken in accordance with s 60 of the Act and as prescribed in the *Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020*.

Alignment to Community Plan and Vision

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

Conflict of Interest

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

Risk Assessment

12. For a person to act as a Councillor they must take the Oath or Affirmation of Office, this report ensures compliance with the Act.

Environmental Sustainability

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

Attachments

1. Signed Oaths and Affirmations - 2024 [2.3.1 - 11 pages]

THE CITY OF
GREATER GEELONG

OATH OF OFFICE



I, Ron Nelson, swear by Almighty God, that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the **Local Government Act 2020** and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Ron Nelson", written over a horizontal line.

Ron Nelson

Declared at Geelong before me this eighteenth day of November 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Ali Wastie", written over a horizontal line.

Ali Wastie
Chief Executive Officer

THE CITY OF
GREATER GEELONG


AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE



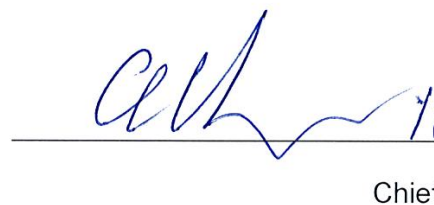
I, Emma Sinclair, solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm, that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the **Local Government Act 2020** and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgment.

 19/11/24
Emma Sinclair

Declared at Geelong before me this eighteenth day of November 2024.

 18/11/24
Ali Wastie
Chief Executive Officer

THE CITY OF
GREATER GEELONG

AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE



I, Melissa Cadwell, solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm, that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the **Local Government Act 2020** and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgment.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Melissa Cadwell".

Melissa Cadwell

Declared at Geelong before me this eighteenth day of November 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ali Wastie".

Ali Wastie
Chief Executive Officer

THE CITY OF
GREATER GEELONG


AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE



I, Elise Wilkinson, solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm, that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.


I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the **Local Government Act 2020** and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgment.

 18/11/24.

Elise Wilkinson

Declared at Geelong before me this eighteenth day of November 2024.



Ali Wastie
Chief Executive Officer

THE CITY OF
GREATER GEELONG

OATH OF OFFICE



I, Anthony Aitken, swear by Almighty God, that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the **Local Government Act 2020** and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement.


Anthony Aitken

Declared at Geelong before me this eighteenth day of November 2024.


Ali Wastie
Chief Executive Officer

THE CITY OF
GREATER GEELONG

OATH OF OFFICE



I, Andrew Katos, swear by Almighty God, that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.


I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the **Local Government Act 2020** and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement.

 18/11/24

Andrew Katos

Declared at Geelong before me this eighteenth day of November 2024.

 18/11/24

Ali Wastie
Chief Executive Officer

THE CITY OF
GREATER GEELONG

OATH OF OFFICE



I, Eddy Kontelj, swear by Almighty God, that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the **Local Government Act 2020** and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Eddy Kontelj", written over a horizontal line.

Eddy Kontelj

Declared at Geelong before me this eighteenth day of November 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Ali Wastie", written over a horizontal line.

Ali Wastie
Chief Executive Officer

THE CITY OF
GREATER GEELONG

OATH OF OFFICE



I, Srechko Kontelj, swear by Almighty God, that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the **Local Government Act 2020** and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Srechko Kontelj", written over a horizontal line.

Srechko Kontelj

Declared at Geelong before me this eighteenth day of November 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Ali Wastie", written over a horizontal line.

Ali Wastie
Chief Executive Officer

THE CITY OF
GREATER GEELONG

OATH OF OFFICE



I, Trent Sullivan, swear by Almighty God, that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the **Local Government Act 2020** and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Trent Sullivan", written over a horizontal line.

Trent Sullivan

Declared at Geelong before me this eighteenth day of November 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ali Wastie", written over a horizontal line.

Ali Wastie
Chief Executive Officer

THE CITY OF
GREATER GEELONG

OATH OF OFFICE



I, Rowan Darroch Story AM, RFD, swear by Almighty God, that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the **Local Government Act 2020** and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rowan Story", written over a horizontal line.

Rowan Darroch Story AM, RFD

Declared at Geelong before me this eighteenth day of November 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ali Wastie", written over a horizontal line.

Ali Wastie
Chief Executive Officer

THE CITY OF
GREATER GEELONG

AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE



I, Chris Burson, solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm, that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the **Local Government Act 2020** and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgment.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Chris Burson", written over a horizontal line.

Chris Burson

Declared at Geelong before me this eighteenth day of November 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Ali Wastie", written over a horizontal line.

Ali Wastie
Chief Executive Officer

2.4. Council Meeting Schedule of Dates 2025

Source: Corporate Services
Executive Director: Troy Edwards

Purpose

1. To seek Council endorsement for the schedule of Council meeting dates for 2025.

Background

2. Council must establish an appropriate schedule of meetings to ensure the business of Council is completed effectively.
3. Council establishes the schedule of meeting dates, so the community is aware of the upcoming dates and times of these decision-making forums of Council and also to ensure arrangements are made to conduct each meeting.

Key Matters

4. The schedule for the 2025 Council meetings, which are to be held on a monthly basis, is attached (**Attachment 1**).
5. The schedule shows that Council Meetings in 2025 are generally planned for the fourth Tuesday of each month. Exceptions to this are:
 - 5.1. The December meeting which is held on the second Tuesday of that month.
6. Council Meetings are set to commence at 6:00pm at the Council Chambers, City Hall, Geelong.
7. Meetings will continue to be live streamed and recorded providing public access to meetings.

Original Recommendation

That Council endorse the schedule of Council meeting dates for 2025 (Attachment 1).

ALTERNATE

RESOLUTION – Item 2.4

Cr A Aitken moved, Cr E Kontelj seconded -

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the schedule of Council meeting dates for 2025 (Attachment 1); and**
- 2. Requests on the following dates 22 April 2025, 22 July 2025, 28 Oct 2025 the Council meeting be held in the community, location and venue to be determined by Mayor in consultation with Chief Executive Officer.**

Carried

Financial Sustainability

3. Costs associated with conducting meetings, such as live streaming, venue bookings or equipment hire are included in the Council budget.

Community Engagement

4. Information in relation to Council meetings is available on the Geelong Australia website and will be advertised in local media.
5. Council will continue to have the opportunity to meet with members of the community in their wards in different ways throughout 2025. This can include where practicable community engagement activities on the development of strategic initiatives or where residents will be invited to ask questions and hear from Councillors and City officers on issues that relate to their local community. These events will be advertised and communicated as they arise throughout the councillor term.

Social Equity and Sustainability

6. The proposal continues to provide access for community participation in the decision-making processes of Council.

Relevant Law/Policy/Legal Implications

7. This proposal complies with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council's Governance Rules, Councils Public Question and Submission Time Policy, and Councils election Period Policy.
8. The proposed meeting schedule aligns with the commitment to transparency made by the Council in its Public Transparency Policy adopted in 2022.

Alignment to Community Plan and Vision

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

Conflict of Interest

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

Risk Assessment

11. There are no significant risks associated with the schedule of Council meeting dates.
12. City officers complete individual risk assessments for all Council meetings.

Environmental Sustainability

13. There are no environmental implications identified for the subject of this report.

Attachments

1. Schedule City of Greater Geelong 2025 Council Meeting [**2.4.1** - 1 page]

Schedule – City of Greater Geelong 2025 Council Meetings

MEETING DATES	START TIME	LOCATION
Tuesday 28 January 2025	6PM	City Hall, Chamber
Tuesday 25 February 2025	6PM	City Hall, Chamber
Tuesday 25 March 2025	6PM	City Hall, Chamber
Tuesday 22 April 2025	6PM	City Hall, Chamber
Tuesday 27 May 2025	6PM	City Hall, Chamber
Tuesday 24 June 2025	6PM	City Hall, Chamber
Tuesday 22 July 2025	6PM	City Hall, Chamber
Tuesday 26 August 2025	6PM	City Hall, Chamber
Tuesday 23 September 2025	6PM	City Hall, Chamber
Tuesday 28 October 2025	6PM	City Hall, Chamber
Tuesday 25 November 2025	6PM	City Hall, Chamber
*Tuesday 9 December 2025	6PM	City Hall, Chamber

**Meeting location, date and time may be changed in consultation with the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer. Any changes to the meeting schedule will be reasonably communicated to Councillors and the Community.*

3. RECORD OF INFORMAL MEETINGS OF COUNCILLORS

Source: Corporate Services
Executive Director: Troy Edwards

Summary

1. The Governance Rules of the City of Greater Geelong require the tabling of records of informal meetings of Councillors at the next convenient Council meeting and that their record be included in the minutes of that Council meeting.
2. A summary of the informal meetings of Councillors is attached.

RESOLUTION - Item 3.1

Cr R Story moved, Cr C Burson seconded -

That Council receive the summary of the informal meetings of Councillors for the period to 26 November 2024.

Carried

**INFORMAL MEETINGS OF COUNCILLORS
(Council Meeting 26 November 2024)**

Informal Meeting Details	Councillor Attendance/Apology	Officer Attendance	Agenda Items	Conflict of Interest Disclosures
<p>Councillor Induction 19 November 2024</p>	<p>Cr T Sullivan Cr M Cadwell Cr E Kontelj Cr R Nelson Cr E Wilkinson Cr E Sinclair Cr C Burson Cr R Story Cr A Katos Cr S Kontelj</p> <p><i>Apology:</i> Cr A Aitken</p>	<p>A Wastie (CEO) T Edwards (EXEC DIR) A Basford (EXEC DIR) T Bradley (EXEC DIR) J Stirton (EXEC DIR) A Martin (CHIEF) J Douglas (MGR) E Ryan (SNR OFFICER) C NORTON (SNR OFFICER) D Pangrazio (OFFICER)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Induction Items • Councillor Briefing <p><i>Reports:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of the Mayor • Election of the Deputy Mayor • Councillor Oaths and Affirmations • Council Meeting Schedule of Dates 2025 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil

4. CONFIDENTIAL

Council will close the meeting to the public in accordance with the provision of section 66(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* to consider the following list of items.

4.1. Appointment of an Independent Member to the Audit & Risk Committee (Confidential)

CONFIDENTIAL

RESOLUTION - Item 4.1

Cr T Sullivan moved, Cr R Nelson seconded -

That Council consider this report at the conclusion of the meeting as it is designated confidential by the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to sections 3(1) and 66 of the Local Government Act 2020, the information contained in this report is confidential because it contains Council business information being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations. This section is applicable because of the sensitive and varied nature of the information received and considered by the Audit & Risk Committee from time-to-time which can pertain to external stakeholders also.

Carried

4.2. Audit & Risk Committee Summary Report (Confidential)

CONFIDENTIAL

RESOLUTION - Item 4.2

Cr T Sullivan moved, Cr R Nelson seconded -

That Council consider this report at the conclusion of the meeting as it is designated confidential by the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to sections 3(1) and 66 of the Local Government Act 2020, the information contained in this report is confidential because it contains Council business information being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations. This section is applicable because of the sensitive and varied nature of the information received and considered by the Audit & Risk Committee from time-to-time which can pertain to external stakeholders also.

Carried

5. CLOSE OF MEETING

As there was no further business the meeting closed to the public at 7.10pm on Tuesday 26 November 2024.

Signed: _____

Cr Stretch Kontelj (Mayor)

Date: _____