



Moreland City Council

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Held at the Moreland Civic Centre, 90 Bell Street, Coburg and
livestreamed to the community on Friday 20 November 2020

The Chief Executive Officer opened the meeting at 7.02 pm and stated the Council meeting is being held on the traditional country of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people and acknowledged them as Traditional Owners. The CEO paid her respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging, and the Elders from other communities who significantly contribute to the life of the City.

Present:	Time In	Time Out
Cr Annalivia Carli Hannan	7.02 pm	7.27 pm
Cr Adam Pulford	7.02 pm	7.27 pm
Cr Angelica Panopoulos	7.02 pm	7.27 pm
Cr Annalivia Carli Hannan	7.02 pm	7.27 pm
Cr Helen Davidson	7.02 pm	7.23 pm
Cr Helen Pavlidis	7.02 pm	7.27 pm
Cr James Conlan	7.02 pm	7.27 pm
Cr Lambros Tapinos	7.02 pm	7.27 pm
Cr Mark Riley	7.02 pm	7.27 pm
Cr Milad El-Halabi	7.02 pm	7.27 pm
Cr Oscar Yildiz	7.02 pm	7.12 pm
Cr Sue Bolton	7.02 pm	7.27 pm

Officers

Chief Executive Officer – Cathy Henderson

Acting Manager Corporate Governance – Sally Curran

Acting Unit Manager Governance and Civic Protocols - Naomi Ellis

1. Appointment of Interim Chair

The Chief Executive Officer invited nominations for an interim Chair.

Cr Davidson nominated Cr Tapinos.

There being no further nominations, the Chief Executive Officer declared Cr Tapinos interim Chair.

7.04 pm Cr Tapinos assumed the Chair.

2. Apologies

Nil

3. Declaration of Interests and/or Conflict of Interests

Nil

4. Term of Mayor

To fulfil the statutory obligations of section 26(3) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act), before the election of the Mayor, a Council must determine by resolution whether the Mayor is to be elected for a 1 year or a 2 year term.

Historically, Moreland has elected a Mayor for a 1 year term only. The recommendation is that Council continues this precedent and sets a 1 year term for the 2020/2021 Mayoral year. However, it is open to the Council to determine a two year term instead.

In accordance with Council's Governance Rules, the Mayoral term determined by Council will also apply to a Deputy Mayor

In accordance with section 26(4) the Act, the next election of the Mayor and any Deputy Mayor will be held as close as possible to the end of the 1 year term as possible.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Elects a Mayor for a one year term.
2. Notes the term of any Deputy Mayor is identical to the term of the Mayor.

Resolution

Cr Davidson moved, Cr Yildiz seconded -

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Carried

5. Role of the Deputy Mayor

In accordance with section 20A of the *Local Government Act 2020* and sub-rule 3.5.1 of the Governance Rules, Council may establish an office of Deputy Mayor.

The Deputy Mayor must perform the role of the Mayor and may exercise any of the powers of the Mayor if the Mayor is unable for any reason to attend a Council meeting or part of a Council meeting, or the Mayor is incapable of performing the duties of the office of Mayor for any reason including illness, or the office of Mayor is vacant.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Establishes the office of Deputy Mayor for the term of the current Council
2. At the meeting held to elect the Mayor each year of the term of the current Council, elects a Deputy Mayor.

Resolution

Cr Riley moved, Cr Pavlidis seconded -

That Council:

1. **Establishes the office of Deputy Mayor for the term of the current Council**
2. **At the meeting held to elect the Mayor each year of the term of the current Council, elects a Deputy Mayor.**

Carried

6. Election of Mayor

The Chief Executive Officer, Cathy Henderson, in accordance with section 25 of the Local Government Act 2020 and Moreland's Governance Rules, invited nominations for the office of the Mayor for the 2020-2021 Mayoral year.

Cr Davidson nominated Cr Yildiz. Cr Yildiz accepted the nominations.

Cr Pulford nominated Cr Carli Hannan, Cr Carli Hannan accepted the nomination.

Cr Bolton nominated Cr Conlan. Cr Conlan did not accept the nomination.

As there were two nominations for the office of Mayor, the Chief Executive Officer put it to the vote.

With the required absolute majority of six votes, the Chief Executive Officer declared Cr Carli Hannan elected as Mayor of Moreland City Council for the 2020-2021 Mayoral year.

7. Newly elected Mayor – Mayoral Chains and assuming of the Chair

The newly elected Mayor, Cr Carli Hannan received the Mayoral Chains and assumed the Chair.

7.11pm Cr Carli Hannan assumed the Chair.

7.12 pm Cr Yildiz left the meeting and did not return.

7.12 pm Cr Davidson left the meeting.

8. Ceremonial Mayoral Speech

In accordance with sub-rule 3.5.4 of the Governance Rules, upon being elected, the Mayor may make a ceremonial speech, outlining the priorities of the year ahead based on the previously adopted Council Plan.

Mayor, Cr Annalivia Carli-Hannan

I would like to begin by acknowledging that this meeting is being held on the land of the Wurundjeri Woi wurrung people. I'd like to pay my respects to Elders past, present, and emerging and to note that this land was never ceded and that we would like to continue to work with our First Nation People and work towards a Treaty.

I would like to thank my family and friends for their support and guidance, it is a great honour to be elected Mayor of this great city that I was born and raised and I am now raising my own family in. My husband Michael in particular, has been my biggest cheerleader and has made it possible for me to run as Mayor. I also thank my young daughter Francesca for sharing me with the rest of Moreland, I hope to make her proud in this role this year.

I would also like to acknowledge any members of parliament, former mayors and councillors, and other community leaders who may be watching tonight.

To my fellow Councillors, residents of Moreland and friends, I am incredibly proud to stand here as the elected Mayor of this wonderfully progressive, vibrant, diverse and connected city. It is a great honour and a great duty. I thank my fellow Councillors for your support and entrusting me to lead this Council for the next year. I will serve the residents of Moreland with passion, pride and integrity.

I am committed to leading Moreland City Council in achieving the aspirations of our community, while representing the collective viewpoint of our eleven elected Councillors who share equally in the decision-making process. Together we are one team, we all have unique experiences and perspectives and importantly we are dedicated to the best interests of our municipal community.

Councillors, I pledge to you and anyone streaming online tonight, that I will work as a team member to deliver for our community and this is going to be one of the challenging years, after what has been our most challenging year.

I would like to thank all the previous mayors but particularly Cr Lambros Tapinos, and acknowledge the hard work he has put in, in this very difficult year for Moreland. I would also like to acknowledge Cr Lambros Tapinos, as a very close friend and colleague and someone who has always supported me and without him, I would not be standing here today.

I also thank Cr Oscar Yildiz, for his time as Deputy Mayor and for his friendship over the last four years and I hope to continue in that friendship.

I would like to thank the previous Council for their service and for all the outgoing Councillors and Mayors for all their service and their passion and I hope to continue with that drive for Moreland going into this year. As we head into the first year of our four year term, we are prepared for another big year as we support our community out of COVID-19 and into a strong recovery.

As Mayor of Moreland I will be committed to supporting local businesses, creating jobs ensuring that our residents are paid appropriately and that we protect the jobs at Moreland City Council

I want to ensure that this pandemic doesn't have a long lasting impact on our mental health, our physical health and importantly our economic health. It is also really important that we maintain and protect our core services such as Waste Collection, Home Help, Children's Services, the Arts and Culture and our Sports and Recreation. I am a Councillor and Mayor that will be committed to ensuring we continue to invest in our community infrastructure and ensuring that Moreland is a place that is affordable for everybody to live in. We will need to be responsible financial managers and we will need to debate the hard issues that come up with compromises, that consider the best interests of our community.

In the last 15 years, Moreland's population has grown by almost a third, a lot of this growth has been in apartments and has changed the way that we live. It is important to have sensible development with good environmental standards, a good standard of living for our residents and the open space that allows them to get the fresh air and the exercise that they need, when they might live in space that doesn't have that in their backyard.

Climate change is a risk to our health and wellbeing and to the economy as well, Moreland continues to be a leader in this. We need to make sure that we are working towards our zero carbon targets, and making sure that Moreland is a city that leads the way for change but also acknowledges the people that live in our city and their needs and that this change does not disadvantage those that are most vulnerable but instead ensures all Moreland residents are better off because our city is greener, cleaner and safer.

The planning we do today will make Moreland what it will be in the future, I am committed to ensuring that our canopies and our green spaces actually cool our city and we don't continue to be the hot suburbs that we see ourselves being today.

I want to continue with our curb side waste collection, while also protecting and maintaining our waste services. Recognising that it is really important to reduce waste but not all our families are equal and some people have very large families, some are carers to multiple people and we must make sure that when we choose our policies and when we vote on decisions in the gallery, we are thinking about all our Moreland residents and recognising the diversity of needs that they have.

We will continue on our initiatives from the 2017 to 2021 Council Plan, such as the new Glenroy Community Hub our new parks, like the one at Tinning Street, Garrong Park and West Street and Breese Street, Bulleke-bek Park. Our Park Close to Home policy is a great opportunity for us to continue to allow for open space that's local to people, that they can walk their children down to and gives them that fresh break with their dogs at the end of a difficult work day. This year more than ever open space has become so important to our residents and I think going forward we are going to see a lot more people working from home and really valuing having open space at the end of their street.

There is no doubt that Moreland is a great place to live work and play but we know that there is always more work to be done and I know that us as a team of Councillors, will be up for the challenge and that together we will be able to make Moreland an even better city to live in.

7.16pm Cr Davidson returned to the meeting during the speech.

9. Election of Deputy Mayor

The Chief Executive Officer, Cathy Henderson, in accordance with section 27 of the Local Government Act 2020 and the Governance Rules, invited nominations for the office of the Deputy Mayor for the 2020-2021 Mayoral year.

Cr Panopoulos nominated Cr Davidson. Cr Davidson did not accept the nomination, Cr Pulford nominated Cr Riley. Cr Riley accepted the nomination.

Cr Tapinos nominated Cr Panopoulos. Cr Panopoulos did not accept the nomination.

As there was only one nomination for the office of the Deputy Mayor, the Chief Executive Officer declared Cr Riley elected as Deputy Mayor of Moreland City Council for the 2020-2021 Mayoral year.

10. Adoption of Council meeting dates for 2021

Council's Governance Rules provide that Council fixes the date, time and place of all Council meetings for the following calendar year, including meetings designated for Planning and Related Matters.

Council by resolution, or the Chief Executive Officer, may change the date, time or place of, or cancel, any Ordinary meeting which has been fixed, or schedule an additional ordinary meeting and must provide notice of the change to the public.

The proposed Council Meeting Schedule (Schedule) for the period January to December 2021 has been drafted to enable Council to effectively carry out its decision-making functions for the year. The Schedule includes the times and dates for Council meetings and Council meetings designated for consideration of Planning and Related Matters.

Meetings are generally held on a Wednesday evening in the Council Chamber at the Moreland Civic Centre. Due to current public health orders and community safety, community access to Council meetings is via Council's live streaming website or Facebook page.

The election of the Mayor must be held on a day that is as close to the end of the one year term as is reasonably practicable. It is proposed that the next meeting to elect the Mayor be held Monday 15 November 2021.

Date	Time	Meeting type
27 January 2021	6.30 pm	Council Meeting - Planning and Related Matters
10 February 2021	7 pm	Council Meeting
24 February 2021	6.30 pm	Council Meeting - Planning and Related Matters
10 March 2021	7 pm	Council Meeting
24 March 2021	6.30 pm	Council Meeting - Planning and Related Matters
14 April 2021	7 pm	Council Meeting
28 April 2021	6.30 pm	Council Meeting - Planning and Related Matters
12 May 2021	7 pm	Council Meeting
26 May 2021	6.30 pm	Council Meeting - Planning and Related Matters
9 June 2021	7 pm	Council Meeting
23 June 2021	6.45 pm	Council Meeting - Planning and Related Matters
14 July 2021	7 pm	Council Meeting
28 July 2021	6.30 pm	Council Meeting - Planning and Related Matters
11 August 2021	7 pm	Council Meeting
25 August 2021	6.30 pm	Council Meeting - Planning and Related Matters
8 September 2021	7 pm	Council Meeting
22 September 2021	6.30 pm	Council Meeting - Planning and Related Matters
13 October 2021	7 pm	Council Meeting
27 October 2021	6.30 pm	Council Meeting - Planning and Related Matters

Date	Time	Meeting type
10 November 2021	7 pm	Council Meeting
15 November 2021	7 pm	Ceremonial Meeting to elect the Mayor
24 November 2021	6.30 pm	Council Meeting - Planning and Related Matters
8 December 2021	7 pm	Council Meeting
15 December 2021	6.30 pm	Council Meeting - Planning and Related Matters

The adopted schedule of Council meeting dates will be published on Council's website and made available at Council's Customer Service Centres.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Sets the dates and times for Council meetings in 2021 as printed in the agenda and designates those meetings indicated for consideration of Planning and Related Matters in accordance with the Governance Rules.
2. Sets the date and time for the election of the Mayor for 2021/22 as 15 November 2021 at 7 pm.
3. Appends the schedule of Council meetings to the minutes, publishes it on the Council website and makes it available at Customer Service Centres.

7.23 pm Cr Davidson left the meeting and did not return.

Resolution

Cr Carli Hannan moved, Cr Riley seconded -

That Council:

1. **Sets the dates and times for Council meetings in 2021 as printed in the agenda and designates those meetings indicated for consideration of Planning and Related Matters in accordance with the Governance Rules.**
2. **Sets the date and time for the election of the Mayor for 2021/22 as 15 November 2021 at 7 pm.**
3. **Appends the schedule of Council meetings to the minutes, publishes it on the Council website and makes it available at Customer Service Centres.**

Carried

11. Committee appointments – Audit and Risk Committee and Establishment of Community Planning Reference Group

Council annually appoints Councillors to the positions of Councillor Representatives on Committees. Some Committees are required to commence activity as soon as possible following the commencement of the Council term and have been prioritised for appointments at this meeting.

If required, Council may resolve to change the appointments during the year.

It is proposed the remaining appointments of Councillors to committees will be made by Council at the 9 December 2020 Council meeting.

Audit and Risk Committee

The Audit and Risk Committee is a requirement of the *Local Government Act 2020* and governed by the Audit and Risk Committee Charter, adopted in May 2020. It comprises 3 Councillor members and 4 independent and external members. The next meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee is scheduled for 15 December 2020 and requires the appointment of Councillor representatives to ensure the continued operation of the Committee.

Community Planning Councillor Reference Group

Council will develop and adopt 4 key plans following deliberative engagement with the community over 2021 and 2022. These plans are required by the *Local Government Act 2020*:

- Community Vision outlining the community's long-term aspirations for Moreland (due October 2021)
- 4-year Council Plan outlining Council's priority actions (due October 2021).
- 10-year Financial Plan outlining the financial resources required for assets and services (due October 2021)
- 10-year Asset Plan outlining the maintenance, renewal, acquisition, expansion, upgrade, disposal and decommissioning of Council assets (due June 2022).

In addition, a rolling four year budget will need to be adopted by June 2021 and this will require community engagement and alignment with other key plans above.

The *Local Government Act 2020* is a principles-based Act and provides the opportunity for Council to develop these plans in a way that is tailored to, and meets the needs of Moreland. Underpinning the requirements for the plan is a requirement that Council undertakes deliberative engagement with the community for their development.

Developing and maintaining integrated key plans that closely reflect community input and aspirations will set the foundation for Council's ongoing success and ensure quality outcomes that will meet current and future community needs.

In order to guide progress and Council decision making on development of these key plans, a Community Planning Councillor Reference Group (Reference Group) is recommended to provide an oversight role on the key plans to be developed, including the Community Vision, 10-year Asset and Financial Plans and 4-year Council Plan and Budget.

The Reference Group will provide advice and guidance about:

- Community engagement approach and options
- Reflection of community aspirations in key plans
- Integration between key plans; and
- Alignment with the principles of the LGA 2020.

Deliberative community engagement requires a long lead time. Recommendations about community engagement approach for the key plans will be considered at the 9 December Council meeting. As a result, this proposed reference group needs to be formed quickly.

The proposed terms of reference for the Community Planning Councillor Reference Group are included at **Attachment 1**.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Appoints Councillors _____, _____, _____ to the Audit and Risk Committee for the period of one year or until otherwise resolved:
2. Establishes the Community Planning Councillor Reference Group and adopts the terms of reference attached to the agenda.
3. Appoints the Mayor as Chair and Councillors _____, _____, _____ and _____
to the Community Planning Councillor Reference Group for a period of 1 year or until otherwise resolved.

Resolution

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr Pulford seconded -

That Council:

1. **Appoints:**
 - **the Mayor;**
 - **Deputy Mayor; and**
 - **Cr Tapinos****to the Audit and Risk Committee for the period of one year or until otherwise resolved.**
2. **Establishes the Community Planning Councillor Reference Group and adopts the terms of reference attached to the agenda.**
3. **Appoints**
 - **the Mayor as Chair;**
 - **Cr Tapinos;**
 - **Cr Panopoulos;**
 - **Cr Davidson;**

- Cr Pulford; and
- Cr Conlan

to the Community Planning Councillor Reference Group for a period of 1 year or until otherwise resolved.

Carried

12. Meeting close

The meeting closed at 7.27 pm.

Confirmed

Cr Carli Hannan
MAYOR