



Moreland City Council

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting Held at the Council Chamber, Moreland Civic Centre, 90 Bell Street, Coburg on Saturday 14 May 2022

The Mayor opened the meeting at 12.08 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 Mayor paid respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging, and the Elders from other communities who may be here today.

Present	Time In	Time Out
Cr Mark Riley, Mayor	12.08 pm	1.06 pm
Cr Lambros Tapinos, Deputy Mayor	12.08 pm	1.06 pm
Cr Adam Pulford	12.08 pm	1.06 pm
Cr Angelica Panopoulos	12.08 pm	1.06 pm
Cr Annalivia Carli Hannan	12.08 pm	1.06 pm
Cr Helen Davidson	12.08 pm	1.06 pm
Cr Helen Pavlidis	12.08 pm	1.06 pm
Cr James Conlan	12.08 pm	1.06 pm
Cr Monica Harte	12.08 pm	1.06 pm
Cr Oscar Yildiz JP	12.08 pm	1.06 pm
Cr Sue Bolton	Leave of Absence	

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Bolton has been granted leave of absence from 1pm on 18 April until 6pm on 21 May 2022 inclusive.

OFFICERS

Chief Executive Officer – Cathy Henderson
Director Business Transformation – Sue Vujcevic
Director City Infrastructure – Anita Curnow
Director Community – Eamonn Fennessy
Director Place and Environment – Joseph Tabacco
Manager Governance and Strategy – Yvonne Callanan
Unit Manager Governance – Troy Delia

DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

Cr Pavlidis raised a Point of Order with regard to the compliance of this meeting in line with Council's Governance Rules.

Motion of Dissent

Cr Pavlidis sought a motion of dissent from the Chairpersons ruling determining that the meeting is in compliance with Council's Governance Rules.

Cr Riley moved that Deputy Mayor, Cr Tapinos be elected temporary Chair in accordance with Governance Rule 3.10.2(1) while the Motion of Dissent in the Chairperson's ruling be considered.

Carried

12.12 pm Mayor, Cr Riley stepped down as Chair.

12.12 pm Deputy Mayor, Cr Tapinos assumed the Chair and put questions relative to the ruling and put it to the vote.

The Deputy Mayor put to the vote the upholding of the ruling of the Chairperson.

The matter was put to the vote and was upheld.

12.14 pm Mayor, Cr Riley resumed the Chair.

Suspension of Standing Orders

Cr Riley moved, Cr Pulford seconded -

That Standing Orders be suspended to allow Council to receive an introductory address from Uncle Andrew Gardiner, Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Elder and representative of the Traditional Owner Community.

Carried

Cr Riley called for a division

For	Against	Abstained
Cr Pulford		Cr Pavlidis
Cr Panopoulos		Cr Davidson
Cr Conlan		Cr Yildiz
Cr Carli Hannan		
Cr Riley		
Cr Tapinos		
Cr Harte		
Total For (7)	Total Against (0)	Total Abstained (3)

Standing orders were suspended at 12.14 pm

Resumption of Standing Orders

Cr Riley moved, Cr Tapinos seconded -

That Standing Orders be resumed.

Carried

COUNCIL REPORTS

5.1 RENAMING OF MORELAND CITY COUNCIL - RECEIVING OPTIONS FOR NEW NAMES FROM THE WURUNDJERI WOI-WURRUNG CULTURAL HERITAGE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Executive Summary

Council decided in December 2021 to in principle support the renaming of Moreland City Council. In line with the Council resolution, Council representatives then worked closely with the Traditional Owners, Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation, to design a community consultative process around options for new names.

Council adopted the community engagement process in March 2022.

On 14 May 2022, Council will receive three Woi-wurrung language words from the Traditional Owners for consideration as options for new name. On this day, a special cultural ceremony is to be held, preceding the Special Council Meeting. The ceremony includes a Welcome to Country, Cleansing Ceremony and Scroll Handover. Council buildings will be cleansed in a smoking ceremony to address past injustices and signify a step forward together in reconciliation. Three Woi-wurrung words will be ceremonially handed to the Mayor and Councillors in an address made by Wurundjeri Wo-wurrung Elders.

This report recommends formally endorsing the names received at the ceremony, for the purposes of community consultation.

Once endorsed by Council, a broad community engagement process will start, seeking community feedback on the options for names.

The community engagement process was endorsed by Council in March 2022, involving residents, ratepayers and business owners and other community members in this important decision. The process is, in summary:

- After receiving naming options from the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation, Council will facilitate wide engagement across the municipality to ensure all residents and stakeholders can share their feedback on proposed names and the reasons for their preference.
- A program of online and face-to-face education and engagement activities will run via a range of methods to gather a broad representation of community feedback. A community education and truth telling program will also take place.
- A panel of representatives from the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor will deliberate community feedback received to inform a final recommendation on a new name in May 2022.
- In early July 2022 Council will consider the recommendation of the panel and all community feedback. At that meeting Council will determine the preferred new name for recommendation to the Minister for Local Government.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Thanks the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation for providing three Woi-wurrung words for municipal name options on Saturday 14 May 2022.
2. Acknowledges the cultural significance of this occasion for the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people, its importance for the local community and for broader reconciliation and healing with First Nations people.
3. Endorses the three name options to proceed to municipal-wide community engagement.
4. Notes the community engagement approach as previously approved in March 2022 and the updated engagement details.
5. Receives a report in July 2022 setting out feedback received through the community engagement process and the panel's recommendation for a new municipal name.
6. Determines at a July 2022 Council meeting the recommended new name for the municipality.

Motion

Cr Riley moved, Cr Tapinos seconded -

That Council:

1. Thanks the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation for providing three Woi-wurrung words for municipal name options on Saturday 14 May 2022.
2. Acknowledges the cultural significance of this occasion for the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people, its importance for the local community and for broader reconciliation and healing with First Nations people.
3. Endorses the three name options to proceed to municipal-wide community engagement. The three Woi-wurrung words and their meaning in no order of priority are:

Woi-wurrung	English	Pronunciation
Wa-dam-buk	renew	wa-dam-book
Merri-bek	rocky country	Merri bek
Jerrang	leaf of tree	Jerang

4. Notes the community engagement approach as previously approved in March 2022 and the updated engagement details.
5. Receives a report in July 2022 setting out feedback received through the community engagement process and the panel's recommendation for a new municipal name.
6. Determines at a July 2022 Council meeting the recommended new name for the municipality.

Cr Pavlidis raised a Point of Order with regard to Council considering an Amendment.

Motion of Dissent

Cr Pavlidis sought a motion of dissent from the Chairpersons ruling determining that the mover and seconder of the Motion may speak prior to moving an amendment.

Cr Riley moved, Cr Pulford seconded -

That Deputy Mayor, Cr Tapinos be elected temporary Chair in accordance with Governance Rule 3.10.2(1) while the Motion of Dissent in the Chairperson's ruling be considered.

Carried

12.29 pm Mayor, Cr Riley stepped down as Chair.

12.29 pm Deputy Mayor, Cr Tapinos assumed the Chair and put questions relative to the ruling and put it to the vote.

The Deputy Mayor put to the vote the upholding of the ruling of the Chairperson.

The matter was put to the vote and was upheld.

12.32 pm Mayor, Cr Riley resumed the Chair.

Cr Davidson left the meeting at 12.35 pm and returned to the meeting at 12.38pm.

Cr Davidson left the meeting at 12.47 during debate of the amendment and returned at 12.49pm prior to the vote.

Amendment

Cr Pavlidis moved, Cr Davidson seconded -

That Council:

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2. Acknowledges the cultural significance of this occasion for the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people, its importance for the local community and for broader reconciliation and healing with First Nations people.
3. Endorses the three name options and the option of no name change to the name of the municipality to proceed to municipal-wide community engagement.

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Lost

Cr Panopoulos called for a division

For	Against
Cr Pavlidis	Cr Conlan
Cr Yildiz	Cr Tapinos
Cr Davidson	Cr Harte
	Cr Pulford
	Cr Panopoulos
	Cr Carli Hannan
	Cr Riley
Total For (3)	Total Against (7)

Cr Davidson left the meeting at 12.51pm during debate the substantive motion and returned at 1.05pm prior to the vote.

Resolution

Cr Riley moved, Cr Tapinos seconded -

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Cr Riley called for a division

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Cr Conlan	Cr Pavlidis
Cr Tapinos	Cr Davidson
Cr Harte	Cr Yildiz
Cr Pulford	
Cr Panopoulos	
Cr Carli Hannan	
Cr Riley	
Total For (7)	Total Against (3)

The meeting closed at 1.06 pm.

Confirmed

Cr Mark Riley
MAYOR