



City of Whitehorse

AGENDA

Special Council (Statutory) Meeting

To be held in the
Council Chamber
Whitehorse Civic Centre

379 Whitehorse Road Nunawading
On

Monday 26 October 2015

at 7.00pm.

Members: Cr Bill Bennett, Cr Raylene Carr,
Cr Robert Chong AM, Cr Andrew Davenport,
Cr Philip Daw, Cr Helen Harris OAM,
Cr Sharon Ellis, Cr Denise Massoud,
Cr Andrew Munroe, Cr Ben Stennett

Ms Noelene Duff
Chief Executive Officer

**WHITEHORSE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING**

26 October 2015

CHAIRPERSON (PRO TEMPORE)

In accordance with Council's Meeting Procedures and Common Seal Local Law 2013, the Chief Executive Officer will take the Chair up until the end of Item 7 when the election of Mayor has taken place.

1 OPENING PRAYER
(To be read by Chief Executive Officer)

Prayer for Council

We give thanks, O God, for the Men and Women of the past whose generous devotion to the common good has been the making of our City.

Grant that our own generation may build worthily on the foundations they have laid.

Direct our minds that all we plan and determine, is for the wellbeing of our City.

Amen.

Aboriginal Reconciliation Statement

"In the spirit of reconciliation we acknowledge the Wurundjeri as the traditional owners of the land on which we are gathered."

2 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

3 APOLOGIES

4 ADDRESS BY AND CONGRATULATIONS TO IMMEDIATE PAST MAYOR

- 4.1 Immediate Past Mayor Councillor Andrew Munroe to address the meeting on his year as Mayor.
- 4.2 Councillors to extend their congratulations and appreciation to the immediate past Mayor Councillor Andrew Munroe.

5 MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES

(Note: For information only – No Council Resolution required.)

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held 29 January 2013, Council in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*, resolved to set the Mayoral and Councillor allowances for the period 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2017.

The Mayoral and Councillor allowances (subject to State Government adjustments) are set at \$90,081 per annum plus the equivalent of the superannuation guarantee contribution (currently 9.5%) for the Mayoral allowance and \$28,202 per annum plus the equivalent of the superannuation guarantee contribution (currently 9.5%) for the Councillor allowance. The Mayor also receives a fully maintained motor vehicle.

6 TERM OF THE MAYOR

Section 71(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989* allows Council to elect a Mayor for a term of two years. However as a General Election will be held in October 2016 and all Councillor positions become vacant, the 2016 Mayoral term will conclude at 6.00am on Saturday 22 October 2016.

7 ELECTION OF MAYOR

- 7.1 The appointment of the Mayor takes place in accordance with Section 90 of the *Local Government Act 1989* which requires voting at a meeting that is open to the public to be conducted openly by show of hands.
- 7.2 The Chairperson, Chief Executive Officer Ms Noelene Duff will outline the Role of Mayor and Council and Community expectations of the Mayor.

The Role of the Mayor

The Mayor is elected by Council to represent the views and directions of Council in performing various roles and duties.

The role of Mayor as Chair of Council and community leader is crucial to effective relationships with the administration and to good governance. The Mayor should ensure good governance within Council, providing the basis for sound strategy for the City.

The Mayor of Whitehorse is a leader, a representative of the community and the custodian of Council's customs and traditions.

- 7.3 The Chief Executive Officer Ms Noelene Duff then calls for nominations for the position of Mayor, for the Mayoral term 26 October 2015 to 22 October 2016.
- 7.4 Each candidate for Mayor is given up to three minutes to address Councillors.
- 7.5 The Chief Executive Officer conducts the election (if required); declares the Mayor duly elected and escorts the Mayor to the Chair.
- 7.6 As the Mayor makes his/her way to their seat, the Chief Executive Officer offers her congratulations to the Mayor, invites the Mayor to address the meeting and invites Councillors to express their congratulations to the Mayor.

The Mayor takes the Chair.

8 ADDRESS BY INCOMING MAYOR AND EXPRESSIONS OF CONGRATULATIONS BY COUNCILLORS TO THE NEW MAYOR

- 8.1 Address and expression of appreciation by incoming Mayor.
- 8.2 Expressions of congratulations by Councillors to the new Mayor.

9 CLOSE OF MEETING AND INVITATION TO SUPPER