



City of Whitehorse

MINUTES

Special Council (Statutory) Meeting

held in the
Council Chamber
Whitehorse Civic Centre

379 Whitehorse Road Nunawading

on

Monday 26 October 2015

at 7.00 p.m.

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

Ms Noelene Duff
Chief Executive Officer

**WHITEHORSE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING**

26 October 2015

Meeting opened at 7.00pm

Present: Cr Bennett, Cr Carr, Cr Chong AM, Cr Davenport, Cr Daw, Cr Ellis, Cr Harris OAM,
Cr Massoud, Cr Munroe, Cr Stennett.

CHAIRPERSON (PRO TEMPORE)

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

1 OPENING PRAYER
(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

Nil

4 ADDRESS BY AND CONGRATULATIONS TO IMMEDIATE PAST MAYOR

- 4.1 Immediate Past Mayor Councillor Andrew Munroe addressed the meeting on his achievements during the Mayoral year.
- 4.2 Councillors extended their congratulations and appreciation to the immediate past Mayor Councillor Andrew Munroe on his Mayoral year.

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 took 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 outlined 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 called for nominations for the position of Mayor, for the Mayoral term 26 October 2015 to 22 October 2016.

There were four nominations for the position of Mayor.

Cr Massoud nominated herself, seconded by Cr Munroe

Cr Carr nominated Cr Daw, seconded by Cr Davenport
(*Cr Daw accepted the nomination*)

Cr Ellis nominated herself, seconded by Cr Davenport

Cr Harris nominated herself, seconded by Cr Stennett

- 7.4 Each candidate for Mayor was given the opportunity of addressing Council for a period of up to three minutes.

The Councillors spoke in order of their nomination.

- 7.5 The Chief Executive Officer acting as the Returning Officer and in accordance with Council's Meeting Procedure and Common Seal Local Law 2013, then conducted a vote for the election of the Mayor for the 2015-2016 Mayoral term.

Following the vote no candidate had received an absolute majority of votes and Councillor Harris having received the lowest number of votes was excluded from the vote.

The Chief Executive Officer then conducted a vote for the remaining three candidates Councillor Massoud, Councillor Daw and Councillor Ellis in the order of nomination.

Following the vote no candidate had received an absolute majority of votes and Councillor Ellis having received the lowest number of votes was excluded from the vote.

The Chief Executive Officer then conducted a vote for the remaining two candidates Councillor Massoud and Councillor Daw in the order of nomination.

Following the conduct of the vote no Councillor had received an absolute majority of votes and the two candidates were tied.

The Chief Executive Officer then conducted a draw by lot to elect the successful candidate as Mayor.

Following the conduct of the lot Councillor Massoud was excluded and Councillor Daw was declared the Mayor.

- 7.6 The Chief Executive Officer congratulated Councillor Daw on his Election as Mayor, invited the Mayor to address the meeting and invited Councillors to express their congratulations to the Mayor.

The Mayor took 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.

Councillor Daw addressed the meeting, thanking Councillors for their support tonight, saying it was a privilege and honour and also a humbling experience to have been elected Mayor. Councillor Daw said he believe that the Mayoral position is 'first amongst equals' and that is how he intends to conduct himself as Mayor. Councillor Daw advised that he will represent all Councillors, that his aim was to use his Mayoral term to advance the City of Whitehorse as a leader in local government and pledged to work with Councillors, the Chief Executive Officer, Executive Management Team and staff to achieve that outcome. Councillor Daw thanked all Councillors for the very professional way the Mayoral election was conducted.

- 8.2 The Councillors congratulated Councillor Daw on his election as Mayor.

9 CLOSE OF MEETING AND INVITATION TO SUPPER

The meeting closed at 8.52pm.

The Mayor invited all present to supper.

Confirmed this 23rd day of November 2015

CHAIRPERSON