



City of Whitehorse

AGENDA

Special Council (Statutory) Meeting Election of the Mayor

To be held in the
Council Chamber
Civic Centre

379 Whitehorse Road Nunawading

on

Monday 29 October 2018

at 7:00pm

Members: Cr Blair Barker, Cr Bill Bennett, Cr Raylene Carr,
Cr Prue Cutts, Cr Andrew Davenport, Cr Sharon Ellis,
Cr Tina Liu, Cr Denise Massoud, Cr Andrew Munroe,
Cr Ben Stennett

Ms Noelene Duff
Chief Executive Officer

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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 PRAYER

(To be read by Chief Executive Officer)

1a 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.

1b Aboriginal Reconciliation Statement

"In the spirit of reconciliation, Whitehorse City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of the land we are meeting on. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present."

2 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

3 APOLOGIES

4 ADDRESS BY AND CONGRATULATIONS TO IMMEDIATE PAST MAYOR

4.1 Immediate Past Mayor Councillor Andrew Davenport 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 Davenport.

4.3 The Chief Executive Officer will make a presentation to Immediate Past Mayor Councillor Andrew Davenport.

5 MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES

(Note: for Information only – No Council Resolution required.)

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held 20 March 2017, Council in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*, resolved to set the Mayoral and Councillor allowances for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2021.

The Mayoral and Councillor allowances (subject to State Government adjustments) are set at \$96,534 per annum, plus the equivalent of the superannuation guarantee contribution (currently 9.5%) for the Mayoral allowance and \$30,223 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

- 6.1 Before the appointment of the Mayor takes places, Council must resolve the duration of the Mayoral term.

Section 71(2) of the Local Government Act 1989 allows Council to elect a Mayor for a term of two years.

Section 71(3) of the Local Government Act 1989 states that the Mayor is to be elected after the fourth Saturday in October but not later than 30 November in each year.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. The Mayor to be elected at this meeting will hold the position of Mayor for a term of one year, ie term will be 29 October 2018 to 28 October 2019.***

or

- 2. The Mayor to be elected at this meeting will hold the position of Mayor for a term of two years, ie term will be 29 October 2018 to 26 October 2020.***

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 Local Government Act 1989 defines the functions of Mayor.

The functions of the Mayor of a Council include:

- *Providing guidance to Councillors about what is expected of a Councillor;*
- *Acting as a principal spokesperson for the Council;*
- *Supporting good working relations between Councillors;*
- *Carrying out the civic and ceremonial duties of the office of Mayor.*

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 base for sound strategy for the City.

- 7.3 The Chairperson, Chief Executive Officer Ms Noelene Duff calls for nominations for the position of Mayor, for the Mayoral term as previously resolved by Council in Item 6.1.
- 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); announces the appointment of the Mayor and escorts the Mayor to the Chair.

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
