



# City of Whitehorse

## AGENDA

### **Special Council (Statutory) Meeting – Election of the Mayor**

**To be held in the Council Chamber  
Whitehorse Civic Centre**

379 Whitehorse Road Nunawading

on

**Monday 28 October 2019**

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

**Mr Simon McMillan**  
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 Bill Bennett to address the meeting on his year as Mayor.
- 4.2 Councillors to extend their congratulations and appreciation to the Immediate Past Mayor Councillor Bill Bennett
- 4.3 The Chief Executive Officer will make a presentation to Immediate Past Mayor Councillor Bill Bennett.

## 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 \$98,465 per annum, plus the equivalent of the superannuation guarantee contribution (currently 9.5%) for the Mayoral allowance and \$30,827 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 a Council to elect a Mayor for a term of two years. However as a General election will be held in October 2020 and all Councillor positions become vacant, the 2020 Mayoral term will conclude at 6.00am on Saturday 24 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 Mr Simon McMillan 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 Mr Simon McMillan calls for nominations for the position of Mayor, for the Mayoral term 28 October 2019 to 24 October 2020.
- 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

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