

Minutes

Special Meeting of Council

Tuesday, 29 October 2019

6.30pm

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Tuesday, 29 October 2019 at 6.30pm
held at the Moonee Valley Civic Centre

Present

Members: Cr Samantha Byrne
Cr Jim Cusack
Cr Rebecca Gauci Maurici
Cr Richard Lawrence
Cr Nicole Marshall
Cr Cam Nation
Cr Narelle Sharpe
Cr John Sipek
Cr Andrea Surace

Officers:	Bryan Lancaster	Chief Executive Officer
	Kendrea Pope	Director Organisational Performance
	Natalie Reiter	Director Planning and Development
	Gil Richardson	Director Asset Planning and Strategic Projects
	Maria Weiss	Acting Director City Services
	Allison Watt	Manager Governance and Communications
	Meghan Hopper	Senior Coordinator Governance and Advocacy

1. Opening

The Chief Executive Officer, Bryan Lancaster opened the meeting and welcomed all present to the Special Meeting of Council.

2. Appointment of a Temporary Chairperson

The Chief Executive Officer informed Councillors that as this was the Special Meeting of Council and there was no appointed Chairperson, they would need to appoint a temporary Chairperson.

The Chief Executive Officer, called for nominations for the position of temporary Chairperson.

Moved by Cr Sipek, seconded by Cr Lawrence that Cr Narelle Sharpe be appointed temporary Chairperson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

No other nominations were received and Cr Sharpe assumed the Chair at 6:34pm.

3. Apologies

Nil.

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Nil.

5. Presentations to outgoing Mayor and Deputy Mayor

Presentations were held after Item 6.2.

6. Reports

6.1 Council meeting schedule 2020

Author: Tracey Classon - Governance Officer

Directorate: Organisational Performance

Moved by Cr Sipek, seconded by Cr Surace that Council resolves to:

- a) Adopt the following meeting schedule for the 2020 calendar year and that these meetings be held at the Moonee Valley City Centre, 9 Kellaway Avenue, Moonee Ponds unless Council resolves otherwise:
 - Ordinary Council meetings commencing at 6.30pm on 28 January, 11 February, 25 February, 10 March, 24 March, 14 April, 28 April, 12 May, 26 May, 9 June, 23 June, 14 July, 28 July, 11 August, 25 August, 8 September and 22 September.
 - Public Forums commencing at 6pm on 18 February, 17 March, 21 April, 19 May, 16 June, 21 July and 18 August;
 - Special Meeting for the swearing in of Councillors and the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor on 10 November.
- b) Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to amend the 2020 Meeting Schedule as required, to accommodate workloads or other special circumstances; and
- c) Request the Chief Executive Officer to ensure that the Schedule of Council Meetings and any meeting date changes are appropriately advertised in the local newspapers and on Council's website in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989.

.CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 Term of Mayor and Deputy Mayor

Author: Allison Watt - Manager Governance and Communications

Directorate: Organisational Performance

Moved by Cr Sipek, seconded by Cr Surace that Council resolves to:

- a. Appoint the Mayor of Moonee Valley City Council for a period of 12 months;
- b. Appoint the Deputy Mayor of Moonee Valley City Council for a period of 12 months;
- c. Appoint the Deputy Mayor to the role of Acting Mayor in the absence of the Mayor for the duration of his or her term in accordance with Section 73(3) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Presentations to outgoing Mayor and Deputy Mayor

Cr Sipek presented Cr Sharpe with a gavel in recognition of her service as Mayor for the 2018/2019 year.

Cr Sharpe presented Cr Sipek with a plaque in recognition of his service as Deputy Mayor for the 2018/2019 year.

Temporary Chairperson, Cr Narelle Sharpe vacated the Chair at 6.37pm.

A. Election of Mayor

The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations for the position of Mayor.

Cr John Sipek nominated Cr Jim Cusack. Cr Cusack accepted the nomination.

Cr Cam Nation nominated Cr Samantha Byrne. Cr Byrne accepted the nomination.

The Chief Executive Officer called for a vote by Councillors for Cr Samantha Byrne.

The following Councillors voted for Cr Byrne:

Crs Byrne, Lawrence, Gauci Maurici, Nation, and Surace.

The Chief Executive Officer declared Cr Samantha Byrne, with the majority vote, the elected Mayor for the 2019/2020 year.

The elected Mayor, Cr Samantha Byrne was presented with the Mayoral chains, robe and gavel by the Chief Executive Officer.

Mayor, Cr Samantha Byrne assumed the chair and addressed the meeting with her acceptance speech.

B. Election of Deputy Mayor

The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor for the 2019/2020 Council year.

Cr Richard Lawrence nominated Cr Andrea Surace. Cr Surace accepted the nomination.

Cr Nicole Marshall nominated Cr John Sipek and Cr Rebecca Gauci Maurici. Cr Sipek accepted the nomination. Cr Gauci Maurici accepted the nomination.

The Chief Executive Officer called for a vote by Councillors for Cr Andrea Surace.

The following Councillors voted for Cr Surace:

Crs Byrne, Lawrence, Nation and Surace.

The Chief Executive Officer called for a vote by Councillors for Cr John Sipek.

The following Councillors voted for Cr Sipek:

Crs Cusack, Marshall, Sharpe and Sipek.

The Chief Executive Officer called for a vote by Councillors for Cr Rebecca Gauci Maurici.

The following Councillors voted for Cr Gauci Maurici:

Cr Gauci Maurici.

As no candidate had achieved a clear majority, the Chief Executive Officer excluded Cr Rebecca Gauci Maurici, as the candidate with the lowest vote, from the count and called for a re-vote.

The Chief Executive Officer called for a vote by Councillors for Cr John Sipek.

The following Councillors voted for Cr Sipek:

Crs Cusack, Gauci Maurici, Marshall, Sharpe and Sipek

The Chief Executive Officer declared Cr John Sipek, with the majority vote, the elected Deputy Mayor for the 2019/2020 year.

The elected Deputy Mayor, Cr John Sipek was presented with the Chain by the Chief Executive Officer.

The Deputy Mayor addressed the meeting.

7. Close of Meeting

The meeting concluded at 6.42pm

CONFIRMED

**CR SAMANTHA BYRNE
MAYOR**