



LATROBE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING

**TO BE HELD VIA AUDIO-VISUAL LINK AND IN
NAMBUR WARIGA MEETING ROOM
CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, MORWELL
AT 6.00PM ON
15 NOVEMBER 2021**

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Please note:

Pursuant to s66(2)(b) and s66(2)(c), this Council Meeting will not be open to the public to attend in person. Instead the Meeting may be viewed live on the internet from Council's website or Facebook page.

Opinions expressed or statements made by participants are the opinions or statements of those individuals and do not imply any form of endorsement by Council.

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COUNCILLOR AND PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

PLEASE NOTE

THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S COVID-19 OMNIBUS (EMERGENCY MEASURES) ACT 2020 HAS INTRODUCED INTO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2020 NEW MECHANISMS THAT ALLOW FOR VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETINGS TO ENSURE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DECISION-MAKING CAN CONTINUE DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.

PURSUANT TO SECTION 394 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2020, A COUNCILLOR MAY ATTEND THIS COUNCIL MEETING REMOTELY BY ELECTRONIC MEANS OF COMMUNICATION; AND

PURSUANT TO SECTION 395 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2020 THIS COUNCIL MEETING MAY BE CLOSED TO THE ATTENDANCE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC BY MAKING AVAILABLE ACCESS TO A LIVE STREAM OF THE MEETING ON THE COUNCIL'S INTERNET SITE.

1. OPENING PRAYER

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

I would like to acknowledge that we are meeting here today on the traditional land of the Braiakaulung people of the Gunaikurnai nation and I pay respect to their elders past and present.

If there are other Elders present I would also like to acknowledge them.

3. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Attend as an observer

The Victorian Government's COVID-19 Omnibus (Emergency Measures) Act 2020 has introduced into the Local Government Act 2020 new mechanisms that allow for virtual Council Meetings and allow for Council Meetings to be closed to the public.

The safety of Councillors, Council staff and our community is at the forefront of our decisions therefore this Meeting will be closed to physical participation by members of the public. To meet our legislated obligations and in the spirit of open, accessible and transparent governance, this Council Meeting is livestreamed and can be viewed by using the link on Council's website or Facebook page.

ORDER OF EVENTS

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Agenda Item: 6.1

Agenda Item: Outgoing Mayor Speech

Sponsor: Chief Executive Office

Council Plan Objective: CONNECTED

Status: For Information

An opportunity will be provided for the outgoing Mayor from the 2020/2021 Mayoral term to speak and reflect on their Mayoral term at the meeting.

Attachments
Nil

Agenda Item: 6.2**Agenda Item: Term of Office and Election of the Mayor****Sponsor: Chief Executive Office****Council Plan Objective: CONNECTED****Status: For Decision****Proposed Resolution:**

That Council determines that the term for the Office of the Mayor will be for one year.

Proposed Resolution:

That Council proceed to elect the Mayor in accordance with the Governance Rules for one year to serve for the 2021/2022 Mayoral term.

Executive Summary:

Mayoral terms in Latrobe City Council have historically been for one year however, pursuant to subsection 26(3) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council must determine by resolution whether the Mayor is to be elected for a one year or a two year term.

In summary, the process for the election of the Mayor in accordance with the Governance Rules and *Local Government Act 2020* is as follows:

Election of the Mayor

- The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) will preside during the election of the Mayor.
- The Chief Executive Officer must invite nominations for the office of Mayor and confirm acceptance of the nomination with the nominee.
- Councillors may nominate themselves but each nomination must be seconded.
- If there is only one nomination, the candidate nominated is declared elected. If a Councillor nominates himself or herself and they are the only Councillor nominated, then that Councillor is elected even if the nomination is not seconded.

- If there is more than one nomination, the Councillors present at the meeting must vote for one of the candidates.
- The voting must be carried out in accordance with the procedure in the Governance Rules, having regard to the *Local Government Act 2020*.
- The newly elected Mayor then assumes the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Section 25 of the *Local Government Act 2020* stipulates that the Mayor must be elected by an absolute majority of the Councillors. An absolute majority as defined by section 25(7) means the number of Councillors which is greater than half the total number of the Councillors of a Council. This means, for Latrobe City Council, the Mayor must receive five or more votes to be elected.

Declaration of Interests:

Officers preparing this report have declared they do not have a conflict of interest in this matter under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Supporting Documents:

Nil

Attachments

Nil

Agenda Item: 6.3**Agenda Item: Election of the Deputy Mayor****Sponsor: Chief Executive Office****Council Plan Objective: CONNECTED****Status: For Decision****Proposed Resolution:**

That Council establish an office of Deputy Mayor for a 2021/2022 Deputy Mayoral term.

Proposed Resolution:

That Council proceed to elect the Deputy Mayor in accordance with the Governance Rules for one year to serve for the 2021/2022 Deputy Mayoral term.

Executive Summary:

The role of a Deputy Mayor is not constituted in the same manner as that of the Mayor. In order for an office of Deputy Mayor to be in place, Council must first resolve that there is to be that position on Council.

Historically, Latrobe City Council has appointed a Deputy Mayor and it is recommended to continue with this arrangement as the position provides deputising functions to the Mayoral role and enhances the leadership of the Councillor group.

If Council resolves to elect a Deputy Mayor, the same procedure as outlined in the Governance Rules for the *Election of the Mayor* is to occur except that:

- the Mayor is to chair the election of the Deputy Mayor; and
- any reference to the Mayor is to be taken as a reference to the Deputy Mayor.

Declaration of Interests:

Officers preparing this report have declared they do not have a conflict of interest in this matter under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Supporting Documents:

Nil.

Attachments

Nil

Agenda Item: 6.4

Agenda Item: Presentations

Sponsor: Chief Executive Office

Council Plan Objective: CONNECTED

Status: For Information

An opportunity will be provided for the newly elected Mayor and Deputy Mayor to make a ceremonial speech.

An opportunity for photos will be provided at the close of the meeting.

Attachments

Nil

Agenda Item: 6.5

Agenda Item: Meeting Close

Sponsor: Chief Executive Office

Council Plan Objective: CONNECTED

Status: For Information

At the close of the meeting, the newly elected Mayor will thank those present for attending, including those who viewed the live stream of the meeting.

Attachments

Nil