



# LATROBE CITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING

**HELD IN NAMBUR WARIGA MEETING ROOM  
CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, MORWELL  
AT 6.00PM ON  
15 NOVEMBER 2021**

**CM572**

**PRESENT:**

<b>Councillors:</b>	Cr Sharon Gibson	West Ward
	Cr Darren Howe	East Ward
	Cr Tracie Lund	Central Ward
	Cr Graeme Middlemiss	Central Ward
	Cr Dan Clancey	East Ward
	Cr Dale Harriman	East Ward
	Cr Kellie O'Callaghan	East Ward
	Cr Melissa Ferguson	South Ward (attended via audio-visual link)
	Cr Brad Law	West Ward
<b>Officers:</b>	Steven Piasente	Chief Executive Officer
	Kendrea Pope	A/Executive Manager Office of the CEO
	Gail Gatt	General Manager Community Health & Wellbeing
	Greg Drumm	General Manager Organisational Performance
	Jody Riordan	A/General Manager Assets & Presentation
	Hanna Steevens	Manager Governance
	Kaitlyn Boram	Governance Officer

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Resolutions in this minutes document should be read in conjunction with the published agenda for the 15 November 2021 Council Meeting.

## **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**

The Chief Executive Officer read the opening prayer.

### **2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND**

The Chief Executive Officer read the acknowledgement of the traditional owners of the land.

### **3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

There were no apologies.

### **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

### **5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME**

#### **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.

**6. ORDER OF EVENTS**

**Agenda Item: 6.1**

**Agenda Item: Outgoing Mayor Speech**

**Sponsor: Chief Executive Office**

**Council Plan Objective: CONNECTED**

**Status: For Information**

The outgoing Mayor, Cr Sharon Gibson, spoke on their Mayoral term.

**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**

**MOTION**

**Moved:** Cr Gibson

**Seconded:** Cr Howe

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The CEO invited nominations for the appointment of the Mayor for the next year.

Cr Middlemiss nominated himself.

Cr Harriman seconded the nomination.

Cr Clancey nominated Cr O'Callaghan, and was accepted.

Cr Lund seconded the nomination.

**MOTION**

**Moved:** Cr Lund

**Seconded:** Cr Gibson

**That Council suspend standing orders in order to hear from Mayoral candidates.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Standing orders were suspended at 6.13pm**

The meeting heard from Cr Middlemiss, then Cr O'Callaghan on their candidacy for Mayor.

**MOTION**

**Moved: Cr Clancey**

**Seconded: Cr Gibson**

**That Council resumes standing orders.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Standing orders were resumed at 6.22pm.**

In accordance with the Governance Rules, the Mayoral candidacy was put to the vote by way of a show of hands.

**In favour of Cr Middlemiss**

**For** Crs Gibson, Ferguson, Harriman and Middlemiss.

**In favour of Cr O'Callaghan**

**For** Crs Law, O'Callaghan, Lund, Howe and Clancey

**Cr O'Callaghan, having received the absolute majority of votes in favour, was elected Mayor.**

**Attachments**

Nil

**Agenda Item: 6.3**

**Agenda Item: Election of the Deputy Mayor**

**Sponsor: Chief Executive Office**

**Council Plan Objective: CONNECTED**

**Status: For Decision**

**MOTION**

**Moved:** Cr Middlemiss

**Seconded:** Cr Gibson

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Cr O'Callaghan invited nominations for the appointment of a Deputy Mayor.

Cr Lund nominated Cr Clancey, and was accepted.

Cr Law seconded the nomination.

Cr Ferguson nominated herself.

Cr Harriman seconded the nomination.

In accordance with the Governance Rules, the Deputy Mayor candidacy was put to the vote by way of a show of hands.

**In favour of Cr Clancey**

**For** Crs Clancey, O'Callaghan, Howe, Lund and Law

**In favour of Cr Ferguson**

**For** Crs Ferguson, Harriman, Middlemiss and Gibson

**Cr Clancey, having received the absolute majority of votes in favour, was elected Deputy Mayor.**

**Attachments**

Nil



**Agenda Item: 6.4**

**Agenda Item: Presentations**

**Sponsor: Chief Executive Office**

**Council Plan Objective: CONNECTED**

**Status: For Information**

The newly elected Mayor and Deputy Mayor did not speak.

**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 thanked those present for attending, including those who viewed the live stream of the meeting.

**Attachments**

Nil

**Meeting closed at 6:27pm.**