



Minutes

Statutory Council Meeting held at 6.00 PM on the Monday 8 November 2021, online via Microsoft Teams.

Present

Cr Lauren Dempsey
Cr Tony Driscoll
Cr Murray Emerson
Cr Kevin Erwin
Cr Trevor Gready
Cr Rob Haswell
Cr Eddy Ostarcevic PhD

Ms Liana Thompson, Chief Executive Officer

Affirmation

We recognise the traditional owners of the land.
We are inspired by the early pioneers and by those who gave their lives for our country.
We now ask God's blessing on our deliberations
and on our commitment to build a better lifestyle and environment.

Confirmed at the meeting of Council on Monday, 6 December 2021.

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1. Declare Open the Meeting

The Chief Executive Officer, Liana Thompson, declared the meeting open.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that for the first part of the meeting she will act as Chairperson while several formal procedures are completed.

2. The Affirmation

The Chairperson, Liana Thompson, asked all present to observe the Affirmation.

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3. Apologies and Requests for Leave of Absence

The Chairperson, Liana Thompson, called for advice of apologies or requests for leave of absence.

There were no apologies received.

4. Mayoral Term

The Council may resolve to elect a Mayor for a one year or a two-year term. This decision must be made before the Mayor is elected.

The Chairperson, Liana Thompson, called for any motion.

RESOLUTION

That the term of Mayor be one year.

Moved: Cr Kevin Erwin

Seconded: Cr Murray Emerson

Confirmed

5. Office of Deputy Mayor

A Council may establish an office of Deputy Mayor. In the event that Council resolves to establish an office of Deputy Mayor, the incoming Mayor will facilitate the election of the Deputy Mayor in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and the *Governance Rules*.

The Chairperson, Liana Thompson, called for any motion.

RESOLUTION

That Council includes the position of Deputy Mayor to support the Mayor execute their duties and provide an opportunity to mentor the Councillor elected into that role.

Moved: Cr Eddy Ostarcevic

Seconded: Cr Lauren Dempsey

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND LOST

CR DEMPSEY CALLED FOR A DIVISION

FOR THE MOTION - Crs Eddy Ostarcevic and Lauren Dempsey

AGAINST THE MOTION - Crs Trevor Gready, Murray Emerson, Kevin Erwin, Tony Driscoll and Rob Haswell.

6. Election of Mayor

The Chairperson, Liana Thompson, explained that according to Council's *Governance Rules* the Mayor must be elected by an absolute majority of the Councillors and that the election must be carried out by a show of hands.

The Chairperson, Liana Thompson, called for nominations for the office of Mayor.

Council's Governance Rules excerpt:

(6) In determining the election of the Mayor, the following will apply:

- 6.7.1 the nomination of a candidate for office must be moved and seconded by a Councillor other than the nominee and accepted by the nominee;*
- 6.7.2 where only one Councillor is a candidate for Mayor the meeting must declare that Councillor to be duly elected as Mayor;*
- 6.7.3 where two or more nominations are received, a vote must be taken and the Councillor who receives the number of votes equal to or greater than half the councillors of the Council must be declared elected;*
- 6.7.4 where two candidates have been nominated and no candidate receives the number of votes equal to half the Councillors of the Council, a second vote will be conducted;*
- 6.7.5 where, after a second vote, two candidates have been nominated and no candidate receives the number of votes equal to half the Councillors of the Council the Chief Executive Officer will seek the meeting to resolve to conduct a new election at a meeting to be held at 6pm the following day;*
- 6.7.6 in the event that no candidate receives an absolute majority of the votes, and it is not resolved to conduct a new election at a later date and time, the candidate with the fewest number of votes must be declared to be a defeated candidate. The Councillors present at the meeting must then vote for one of the remaining candidates;*
- 6.7.7 if one of the remaining candidates receives an absolute majority of the votes, he or she is duly elected. If none of the remaining candidates receives an absolute majority of the votes, the process of declaring the candidates with the fewest number of votes a defeated candidate and voting for the remaining candidates must be repeated until one of the candidates receives an absolute majority of the votes.
That candidate must then be declared to have been duly elected;*
- 6.7.8 If a lot is conducted, the Chief Executive Officer will have the conduct of the lot and the following provisions will apply:
 - (a) each candidate will draw one lot;*
 - (b) the order of drawing lots will be determined by the alphabetical order of the surnames of the Councillors who received an equal number of votes except that if two or more such Councillors' surnames are identical, the order will be determined by the alphabetical order of the Councillors' first names; and**

- (c) *as many identical pieces of paper as there are Councillors who received an equal number of votes must be placed in a receptacle. If the lot is being conducted to determine who is a defeated candidate, the word "Defeated" shall be written on one of the pieces of paper, and the Councillor who draws the paper with the word "Defeated" written on it must be declared the defeated candidate (in which event a further vote must be taken on the remaining candidates unless there is only one candidate remaining, in which case that candidate will be declared to have been duly elected).*

Cr Kevin Erwin nominated Cr Tony Driscoll for the position of Mayor for 2021/2022. Cr Rob Haswell seconded the nomination.

Cr Tony Driscoll accepted the nomination.

The Chairperson, Liana Thompson, asked Councillors to vote with a show of hand for the nomination. The vote was unanimous.

The Chairperson, Liana Thompson, confirmed the acceptance of the nomination with Cr Tony Driscoll.

The Chairperson, Liana Thompson, declared Cr Tony Driscoll duly elected as Mayor of the Northern Grampians Shire Council for 2021/2022.

The Chairperson vacated the Chair and the Mayor assumed the Chair.

STANDING ORDERS

The Mayor called for a motion to suspend Standing Orders to allow for a number of formal presentations.

RESOLUTION

That Standing Orders be suspended to allow for a number of formal presentations.

Moved: Cr Lauren Dempsey

Seconded: Cr Murray Emerson

Carried

Cr Eddy Ostarcevic thanked Mrs Annette Driscoll for the support that has been given and will be forthcoming for the Mayor over the next year and explained that a gift will be presented to her at a later date.

The Mayor, Cr Tony Driscoll responded briefly.

Cr Kevin Erwin thanked the former Mayor, Cr Murray Emerson for his service over the last 12 months. Cr Erwin also explained that the gavel and base presented to Cr Murray Emerson at the start of his Mayoral term for 2020/2021 will be presented to him at a later date.

Cr Tony Driscoll thanked Mrs Wendy Emerson for her support during the Mayor's term and explained that a gift will be presented to her at a later date.

Cr Murray Emerson responded briefly and congratulated the Mayor, Cr Tony Driscoll, on his appointment.

The Mayor called for a motion to resume Standing Orders.

RESOLUTION

That Standing Orders be resumed.

Moved: Cr Murray Emerson

Seconded: Cr Rob Haswell Carried

7. Close

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6.24pm.

Confirmed



CR TONY DRISCOLL
MAYOR

Date: 6 December 2021