

**Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 September 2023 at Ashfield Service Centre**

**Meeting commenced at 6.30PM**

**Present:**

Darcy Byrne	Mayor
Philippa Scott	Deputy Mayor
Chloe Smith	Elected as Deputy Mayor during the Mayoral Election held at this meeting
Liz Atkins	Councillor
Marghanita Da Cruz	Councillor
Jessica D'Arienzo	Councillor
Mark Drury	Councillor
Dylan Griffiths	Councillor (attended via audio-visual link) (6.31pm)
Mathew Howard	Councillor
Justine Langford	Councillor
Pauline Lockie	Councillor (attended via audio-visual link)
Kobi Shetty	Councillor (attended via audio-visual link)
John Stamolis	Councillor
Timothy Stephens	Councillor
Zoi Tsardoulis	Councillor
Peter Gainsford	General Manager
Simone Plummer	Director Planning
Manod Wickramasinghe	Acting Director Infrastructure
Ruth Callaghan	Director Community
Beau-Jane De Costa	Acting Director Corporate
Matthew Pearce	General Counsel
George Georgakis	Governance Manager
Katherine Paixao	Business Paper Coordinator
Pamela MacIntyre	Business Paper Officer

**WELCOME TO COUNTY:**

Thomas Dalhstrom from the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council performed a Welcome to Country.

Councillor Griffiths entered the Meeting at 6:31pm.

**APOLOGIES:** Nil

**REQUEST FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION:**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

**That Council accept:**

- a) **Councillor Shetty's request to attend tonight's Council meeting via audio-visual link due to personal reasons;**
- b) **Councillor Griffiths' request to attend tonight's Council meeting via audio-visual link due to being interstate; and**

- c) **Councillor Lockie’s request to attend tonight’s Council meeting via audio-visual link due to personal reasons.**

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulias

**Against Motion:** Nil

**DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS:** Nil

**C0923(2) Item 1 Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor**

The General Manager advised that the election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*.

**Motion: (Drury/Scott)**

1. **That Council determine the method of voting for the election of the Mayor be conducted by open voting.**
2. **That Council conduct the election of the Mayor for a period serving from 19 September 2023 until September 2024, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, and the result be declared by the Returning Officer (*General Manager*).**

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulias

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Position of Mayor**

The General Manager advised that he has received nominations for the position of Mayor for Councillor Atkins and Councillor Byrne.

The General Manager asked all Councillors who support Councillor Atkins being the first nomination received, for the position of Mayor to raise their hands.

Councillor Atkins received a total of 7 votes from Councillors Atkins, Da Cruz, Langford, Stamolis, Lockie, Griffiths and Shetty.

The General Manager asked all Councillors who support Councillor Byrne being the second nomination received for the position of Mayor, to raise their hands.

Councillor Byrne received a total of 8 votes from Councillors Smith, Byrne, D'Arienzo, Scott, Howard, Stephens, Tsardoulias and Drury.

**The General Manager declared that Councillor Byrne is elected as Mayor until September 2024.**

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne assumed the Chair.

**Motion: (Scott/Atkins)**

**That Council determine to elect a Deputy Mayor, for a period serving from 19 September 2023 until September 2024 and determine the method of voting for the election of the Deputy Mayor be conducted by open voting.**

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Position of Deputy Mayor**

The General Manager advised that he has received nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor for Councillor Smith and Councillor Langford.

The General Manager asked all Councillors who support Councillor Smith being the first nomination received, for the position of Deputy Mayor to raise their hands.

Councillor Smith received a total of 8 votes from Councillors Smith, Byrne, D'Arienzo, Scott, Howard, Stephens, Tsardoulis and Drury.

The General Manager asked all Councillors who support Councillor Langford being the second nomination received, for the position of Deputy Mayor to raise their hands.

Councillor Langford received a total of 7 votes from Councillors Atkins, Da Cruz, Langford, Stamolis, Lockie, Griffiths and Shetty.

**The General Manager declared that Councillor Smith to be elected Deputy Mayor until September 2024.**

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne invited Councillor Scott to give a speech as outgoing Deputy Mayor.

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne invited the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Smith to give a speech as incoming Deputy Mayor.

Meeting closed at 6.43pm.