



EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

BUSINESS PAPER

17 May 2022

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General Manager

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NOTICE TO CALL AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

We wish to call an Extraordinary Council Meeting under s366 of the Local Government Act in order to deal with the following item of business :

1 – appointment of a temporary Deputy Mayor

Requested by :

Cr Tara Toomey



Cr Sarah Burrows



Cr Tim Bower



Dated – 16th May 2022

BUSINESS AGENDA

- 1. WELCOME & OPENING OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING**
- 2. PRAYER**
- 3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**
- 4. WEBCAST INFORMATION**
- 5. APOLOGIES**
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7. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

7.1. APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY DEPUTY MAYOR



NOTICE OF MOTION

Submitted by: Cr Toomey
Subject: Appointment of Temporary Deputy Mayor

LINKAGE TO INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK

Objective: Insert relevant objective reference and detail
Strategy: Insert relevant strategy reference and detail

SUMMARY: The role of the Deputy Mayor is critical to the effective functioning of Council. While the Mayor is on leave, the person in this role takes on the additional responsibilities of the Mayor. Due to ill health our hard working Deputy Mayor is unable to perform both the Deputy Mayor and Mayor roles at present, which leaves Councillors without a representative between Council meetings, and this also leaves the General Manager without support in her role.

COUNCILLOR'S MOTION:

That Council:

1. Nominate Cr [insert name] as temporary Deputy Mayor for the duration of the absence of the current Deputy Mayor.
2. Note that this Councillor will also act as Mayor when required.

RATIONALE:

Section 231 of the Local Government Act

231 Deputy mayor

- (1) The councillors may elect a person from among their number to be the deputy mayor.
- (2) The person may be elected for the mayoral term or a shorter term.
- (3) **The deputy mayor may exercise any function of the mayor at the request of the mayor or if the mayor is prevented by illness, absence or otherwise from exercising the function or if there is a casual vacancy in the office of mayor. [Bold added for emphasis]**
- (4) The councillors may elect a person from among their number to act as deputy mayor if the deputy mayor is prevented by illness, absence or otherwise from exercising a function under this section, or if no deputy mayor has been elected.

226 Role of mayor

The role of the mayor is as follows--

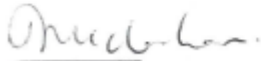
- (a) to be the leader of the council and a leader in the local community,
- (b) to advance community cohesion and promote civic awareness,
- (c) to be the principal member and spokesperson of the governing body, including representing the views of the council as to its local priorities,
- (d) **to exercise, in cases of necessity, the policy-making functions of the governing body of the council between meetings of the council, [Bold added for emphasis]**

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- (e) to preside at meetings of the council,
- (f) to ensure that meetings of the council are conducted efficiently, effectively and in accordance with this Act,
- (g) to ensure the timely development and adoption of the strategic plans, programs and policies of the council,
- (h) to promote the effective and consistent implementation of the strategic plans, programs and policies of the council,
- (i) to promote partnerships between the council and key stakeholders,
- (j) to advise, consult with and provide strategic direction to the general manager in relation to the implementation of the strategic plans and policies of the council,
- (k) in conjunction with the general manager, to ensure adequate opportunities and mechanisms for engagement between the council and the local community,
- (l) to carry out the civic and ceremonial functions of the mayoral office,
- (m) to represent the council on regional organisations and at inter-governmental forums at regional, State and Commonwealth level,
- (n) in consultation with the councillors, to lead performance appraisals of the general manager,
- (o) to exercise any other functions of the council that the council determines.

CONCLUSION:

For Council to function effectively we need a Deputy Mayor at all times, so that the role of Mayor is also always filled. The role of Mayor is particularly critical to the effective functioning of Council.


Councillor

8. CLOSE OF MEETING

END OF BUSINESS AGENDA