



AGENDA

of the

UNSCHEDULED MEETING OF COUNCIL

MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2020

at

Murrindindi Shire Council
Council Chambers
Alexandra
Perkins Street

6:00 PM

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- 4.1 Confirmation of Swearing in of Councillors**

The General Election was held on 24 October 2020 and the 7 Elected Representatives for Murrindindi Shire Council were officially declared by the Victorian Electoral Commission on 5 November 2020 in Yea.

In accordance with the Section 30 of the *Local Government Act 2020* the Elected Representatives were scheduled to take the Oath or Affirmation of Office in the presence of the Acting Chief Executive Officer on 23 November 2020 at 4pm.

The Acting Chief Executive Officer will confirm for the purposes of the minutes that the Elected Representatives did undertake the Oath or Affirmation of Office.

4.2 Term of the Mayor

Section 26 (3) of the *Local Government Act 2020* requires that the Council must determine by resolution whether the Mayor is to be elected for a one year or two year term.

The Acting Chief Executive Officer will call for a motion from the Council as to whether the Mayor will be elected for a one year or two year term.

Motion

The term of the Mayor is to be determined to be for a year term.

4.3 Election of the Mayor

Section 25 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Part 5 of The Murrindindi Shire Council Governance Rules 2020 provide for the election of the Mayor within one month of the General Election. The General Election was held on 24 October 2020 and the Elected Representatives were sworn in as Councillors on 23 November 2020 by the Chief Executive Officer. The period for which the Mayor is appointed is as resolved in item 4.2.

The Acting Chief Executive Officer will conduct the election of the Mayor in accordance with Council's Governance Rules 2020. The Acting Chief Executive Officer will call for nominations for the office of Mayor, confirm acceptance with the nominee and then call for a seconder. A nomination for the office of Mayor must be seconded.

If only one Councillor is a nomination for Mayor, then the meeting must declare that Councillor to be duly elected as Mayor. If there is more than one Councillor nominated for Mayor, then the Acting Chief Executive Office will conduct an election and the Mayor must be elected by an absolute majority of Councillors.

The voting will be held via a show of hands. Once elected the Mayor will take the Chair to preside over the remainder of the Meeting.

Motion

That Councillor be elected as the Mayor of Murrindindi Shire Council.

4.4 Election of the Deputy Mayor

The newly elected Mayor will conduct the election of the Deputy Mayor in accordance with section 27 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and part 5 of the Governance Rules 2020.

The Mayor will call for nominations for the office of Deputy Mayor, then confirm with the nominee and call for a seconder for the nomination. A nomination for the office of Deputy Mayor must be seconded.

If only one Councillor is nominated for Deputy Mayor, then the meeting must declare that Councillor to be duly elected as Deputy Mayor. If there is more than one Councillor nominated for Mayor, then the Mayor will conduct an election and the Deputy Mayor must be elected by an absolute majority.

The voting will be held via a show of hands.

Motion

That Councillor be elected as the Deputy Mayor of Murrindindi Shire Council.

4.5 Council Representation Appointments

Attachment(s):

1. Councillor Representative List 2020 21 [4.5.1 - 1 page]

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to enable Council to appoint Councillors as representatives to various internal committees and external bodies.

Appointment of Councillors to committees provides an opportunity for open and responsive communication between Councillors and local community groups and Local Government organisations.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. **appoints Councillors as Council's representatives to the committees and organisations listed on Attachment 4.5.1 for the next 12 months**
2. **records the list of appointments in the minutes of this meeting.**

Background

Councillors represent the interests of Council on a number of Committees. These include Council Committees that may perform a statutory or advisory function, and committees formed by other organisations for a variety of purposes. These range from state wide committees, through to regional or sub regional committees that support a particular program or activity.

Council needs to determine each year which Councillor(s) or senior officers it wishes to appoint as its formal representative(s) to the range of internal and external bodies.

Discussion

Attached to this agenda is the list of committees and organisations for which Council has current appointments (refer Attachment 4.5.1). The list has been divided into those which are Council committees and those external bodies with which Council has a relationship. It is recommended that Council appoint representatives to these committees and bodies for a twelve month period and that the appointments be recorded in the Minutes of this meeting.

Council Plan/Strategies/Policies

This report supports the *Council Plan 2017-2021 Our Promise* strategic objective to “we will all work in collaboration with our communities to deliver the best possible outcomes in all that we do”.

Relevant Legislation

Representing Council on committees within the sector and the community is consistent with the principles of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the role of a Councillor.

Financial Implications and Risk

There are no financial or budget implications associated with this report. However, Council pays a membership fee to Local Government peak bodies such as Municipal Association of Victoria and the Victorian Local Governance Association.

Conflict of Interest

There are no declared conflicts of interest by Council officers in relation to this report.

Community and Stakeholder Consultation

No external community or stakeholder consultation was required for this matter.