



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

8 November 2016

7.30 pm

Present:

Tony Athanasopoulos
Clare Davey
Mary Delahunty
Margaret Esakoff
Jamie Hyams
Jim Magee
Joel Silver
Dan Sztrajt
Nina Taylor

Officers:

Rebecca McKenzie
Ron Torres
Peter Jones
Samantha Krull
John Vastianos
Janice Pouw



SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
to be held in the Council Chamber, Glen Eira Council Offices,
corner Hawthorn Road and Glen Eira Road, Caulfield
on Tuesday, 8 November 2016 at 7.30pm

The Chief Executive Officer welcomed Councillors elect and members of the gallery to the Special Meeting of Council.

Miss Sylvia Freedman representing the Honourable Michael Danby MP, Federal Member for Melbourne Ports was also welcomed to the meeting.

The CEO congratulated the Councillors elect in becoming our elected representatives and advised that she is looking forward to working with the Councillors and officers over the next four years.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chief Executive Officer read the acknowledgement.

In the spirit of respect Council acknowledges the people and elders of the Kulin Nation who have traditional connections and responsibilities for the land on which Council meets.

2. OATH OF OFFICE AND DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

The Chief Executive Officer invited each Councillor elect to come forward in alphabetical order to take the Oath or Affirmation and declare that they will abide by the Councillor Code of Conduct.

Mr Tony Athanasopoulos made the Affirmation and declared in writing that he had read and would abide by the Councillor Code of Conduct.

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Ms Clare Davey made the Affirmation and declared in writing that she had read and would abide by the Councillor Code of Conduct.

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Ms Mary Delahunty made the Affirmation and declared in writing that she had read and would abide by the Councillor Code of Conduct.

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Mrs Margaret Esakoff made the Affirmation and declared in writing that she had read and would abide by the Councillor Code of Conduct.

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Mr Jamie Hyams made the Affirmation and declared in writing that he had read and would abide by the Councillor Code of Conduct.

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Mr Jim Magee made the Oath and declared in writing that he had read and would abide by the Councillor Code of Conduct.

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Mr Joel Silver made the Affirmation and declared in writing that he had read and would abide by the Councillor Code of Conduct.

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Mr Dan Sztrajt made the Affirmation and declared in writing that he had read and would abide by the Councillor Code of Conduct.

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Ms Nina Taylor made the Affirmation and declared in writing that she had read and would abide by the Councillor Code of Conduct.

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The Chief Executive Officer called for a motion to include the following items for consideration at the Special Meeting in accordance with section 84(4) of the Local Government Act 1989.

- Item 3 – Allowances and Expenses
- Item 4 – Election Term for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor
- Item 5 – Election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor

Moved: Cr Hyams

Seconded: Cr Esakoff

That Council includes the following matters for consideration as part of this Special Meeting of Council:

- Item 3 – Allowances and Expenses
- Item 4 – Election Term for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor
- Item 5 – Election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES - DISCLOSURE

Moved: Cr Delahunty

Seconded: Cr Athanasopoulos

1. That in accordance with Section 73B of the Local Government Act 1989, the Councillor and Mayoral allowances be set in accordance with a category 3 Council and applies any adjustment factor gazetted by the Minister.
2. That in accordance with Section 74(1) and Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989, a review of the Councillor allowance and the Mayoral allowance be undertaken within the period of 6 months after a general election or by the next 30 June, whichever is the later.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. ELECTION TERM FOR THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

Moved: Cr Davey

Seconded: Cr Magee

That Council proceeds with the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor at the meeting for a one year term.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. ELECTION OF THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations for the Office of the Mayor.

- Cr Athanasopoulos nominated Cr Delahunty for the role of Mayor.
Cr Delahunty accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations for the Office of the Mayor.

There being no further nominations, the Chief Executive Officer declared Cr Mary Delahunty as Mayor of Glen Eira City Council for the 2016 / 17 Council year.

The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor.

- Cr Taylor nominated Cr Magee for the role of Deputy Mayor.
Cr Magee accepted the nomination

There were no further nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor.

There being no further nominations, the Chief Executive Officer declared Cr Jim Magee as Deputy Mayor of Glen Eira City Council for the 2016 / 17 Council year.

The Chief Executive Officer invited the Cr Delahunty to come forward to take the Chair and address the meeting as the Mayor of Glen Eira City Council.

Cr Delahunty congratulated Councillors on their election and invited the Deputy Mayor Cr Jim Magee to speak to the meeting.

Cr Magee expressed his sincere congratulations to the Mayor and Councillors. Cr Magee advised it is his pleasure and a privilege to have Cr Delahunty as Mayor of Glen Eira City Council. The Deputy Mayor praised the qualities of the Mayor and is looking forward to a great year.

Crs Silver, Sztrajt, Taylor, Athanasopoulos, Davey, Esakoff and Hyams all congratulated the Mayor on her appointment and advised that they were looking forward to the next four years on Council. The Councillors spoke about the dedication and qualities the Mayor will bring to the role. The Councillors advised they are looking forward to working with the community and delivering great outcomes over the next 4 years. The Councillors all thanked their family and friends for the support they received throughout the election period.

Councillors thanked the past Mayor, Neil Pilling for his achievements throughout his term as Mayor. His work was greatly appreciated both by Councillors and the community.

The Mayor responded thanking the Councillors for their kind words and acknowledged past Councillors who have made decisions to make Glen Eira a great place to call home. Cr Delahunty said that being elected Mayor is a great privilege and a great responsibility.

Cr Delahunty highlighted many challenges and opportunities faced by Council over the next four years. She spoke passionately about representing the community on topics such as the removal of the level crossings, Caulfield Racecourse Reserve, public space, planning and protecting community assets.

The Mayor thanked her family and friends for their support.

The Mayor advised that the next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled for Tuesday 15 November at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber. An invitation was extended to those present to adjourn to the Caulfield Cup room for refreshments.

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.16pm.

Confirmed this 15 Day of November 2016

Chairperson: