



LATROBE CITY COUNCIL

**AGENDA FOR THE
COUNCIL MEETING**

**TO BE HELD IN MEETING ROOMS AT GIPPSLAND
PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE AND VIA AUDIO-
VISUAL LINK
AT 6:00PM ON
13 NOVEMBER 2023
CM598**

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1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

I would like to acknowledge that we are meeting here today on the traditional land of the Brayakaulung people of the Gunaikurnai nation and I pay respect to their elders past and present.

If there are other Elders present I would also like to acknowledge them.

2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

ORDER OF EVENTS

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Item Number 4.1

13 November 2023

Regional City Strategy & Transition

OUTGOING MAYOR SPEECH

An opportunity will be provided for the outgoing Mayor from the 2022/2023 Mayoral term to speak and reflect on their Mayoral term at the meeting.

Attachments

Nil

TERM OF OFFICE AND ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Mayoral terms in Latrobe City Council have historically been for one year however, pursuant to subsection 26(3) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council must determine by resolution whether the Mayor is to be elected for a one- or two-year term.

The term of office cannot be for two years as it is the last year of the current Council term and it will also be necessary for the Mayoral term to be for one year, commencing on 13 November 2023 until 26 October 2024, to allow for the commencement of local council elections.

In summary, the process for the election of the Mayor, in accordance with the Governance Rules and *Local Government Act 2020*, is as follows:

Election of the Mayor

- The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) will preside during the election of the Mayor.
- The CEO must invite nominations for the office of Mayor and confirm acceptance of the nomination with the nominee.
- Councillors may nominate themselves, but each nomination must be seconded.
- If there is only one nomination, the candidate nominated is declared elected. If a Councillor nominates themselves and they are the only Councillor nominated, then that Councillor is elected even if the nomination is not seconded.
- If there is more than one nomination, the Councillors present at the meeting must vote for one of the candidates.
- The voting must be carried out in accordance with the procedure specified in the Governance Rules, having regard to the *Local Government Act 2020*.
- The newly elected Mayor then assumes the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Section 25 of the *Local Government Act 2020* stipulates that the Mayor must be elected by an absolute majority of the Councillors. An absolute majority, as defined by section 25(7), means the number of Councillors which is greater than half the total number of the Councillors of a Council. This means, for Latrobe City Council, the Mayor must receive five or more votes to be elected.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Determines that the term for the Office of Mayor will be one year; and**
- b) Proceeds to elect the Mayor in accordance with the Governance Rules for one year to serve from 13 November 2023 to 26 October 2024 for the 2023/2024 Mayoral term.**

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Officers preparing this report have declared they do not have a conflict of interest in this matter under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Attachments

Nil

ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The role of a Deputy Mayor is not constituted in the same manner as that of the Mayor. Under the *Local Government Act 2020*, in order for an office of Deputy Mayor to be in place, Council must first resolve that there is to be that position on Council and whether the length of the term is to be one year or two years.

The term of office cannot be for two years as it is the last year of the current Council term and it will also be necessary for the Deputy Mayoral term to be for one year, commencing on 13 November 2023 until 26 October 2024, to allow for the commencement of local council elections.

Historically, Latrobe City Council has appointed a Deputy Mayor and it is recommended that this arrangement continues as the position provides deputising functions to the Mayoral role and enhances the leadership of the Councillor group.

If Council resolves to elect a Deputy Mayor, the same procedure as outlined in the Governance Rules for the election of the Mayor is to occur except that:

- the Mayor is to chair the election of the Deputy Mayor; and
- any reference to the Mayor is to be taken as a reference to the Deputy Mayor.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Establishes an office of Deputy Mayor for a one-year term; and**
- b) Proceeds to elect the Deputy Mayor in accordance with the Governance Rules for one year to serve from 13 November 2023 to 26 October 2024 for the 2023/2024 Deputy Mayoral term.**

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Officers preparing this report have declared they do not have a conflict of interest in this matter under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Attachments

Nil

PRESENTATIONS

An opportunity will be provided for the newly elected Mayor and Deputy Mayor to make a ceremonial speech.

An opportunity for photos will be provided at the close of the meeting.

Attachments

Nil

MEETING CLOSE

At the close of the meeting, the newly elected Mayor will thank those present for attending, including those who viewed the live stream of the meeting.

Attachments

Nil