

Council Meeting Minutes

10 November 2023

Council Chamber
Hobsons Bay Civic Centre
115 Civic Parade, Altona

**HOBSONS
BAY CITY
COUNCIL**



OUR MISSION

We will listen, engage and work with our community to plan, deliver and advocate for Hobsons Bay to secure a happy, healthy, fair and sustainable future for all.

OUR VALUES

Respectful
Community driven and focused
Trusted and reliable
Efficient and responsible
Bold and innovative
Accountable and transparent
Recognised

Council acknowledges the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of these municipal lands and waterways, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

CONDUCT OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings of Hobsons Bay City Council are to be conducted in accordance with Council's Governance Rules, which can be viewed at:

<https://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Council/About-Council/Governance/Governance-Rules>

Members of the public attending Council meetings must abide by the standards of behaviour set out in section 13.3 of the Governance Rules. Any person engaging in disruptive or disorderly behaviour may be required by the Chairperson to leave the meeting in accordance with the Governance Rules.

Chairperson:

Cr Matt Tyler (Mayor)	Wetlands Ward
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Councillors:

Cr Antoinette Briffa JP	Cherry Lake Ward
Cr Diana Grima	Wetlands Ward
Cr Peter Hemphill	Strand Ward
Cr Daria Kellander	Cherry Lake Ward
Cr Jonathon Marsden	Strand Ward
Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud (Deputy Mayor)	Strand Ward

Aaron van Egmond
Chief Executive Officer
Hobsons Bay City Council

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10 November 2023 at
7.06pm.**

Present

Councillors

Cr Antoinette Briffa JP	Cherry Lake Ward
Cr Diana Grima	Wetlands Ward
Cr Daria Kellander	Cherry Lake Ward
Cr Peter Hemphill	Strand Ward
Cr Jonathon Marsden	Strand Ward
Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud	Strand Ward
Cr Matt Tyler	Wetlands Ward

Officers

Mr Aaron van Egmond	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Andrew McLeod	Director Corporate Services
Mr Sanjay Manivasagasivam	Director Infrastructure and City Services
Ms Penelope Winslade	Director Sustainable Communities
Ms Diane Eyckens	Manager Corporate Integrity and Legal Counsel
Ms Evvie Lambrianidis	Acting Coordinator Governance and Information Management
Miss Jessica Maunder	Acting Minute Secretary

Chief Executive Officer as Temporary Chairperson

In accordance with rule 2.4 of the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules, the Chief Executive Officer announced that he would be the temporary Chairperson for proceedings relating to the election of the Mayor.

1 Council Welcome and Acknowledgement

The Chairperson welcomed members of the public and acknowledged the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of these municipal lands and waterways.

2 Apologies

The Chairperson noted that all Councillors were present and that Cr Peter Hemphill was joining the meeting virtually.

The Chairperson asked whether any Councillors needed to disclose a conflict of interest. No conflicts were declared.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 Confirmation of Minutes

The Chairperson announced that the confirmation of the 10 October 2023 minutes would take place at the next Council Meeting on 14 November 2023.

4 Mayoral Focus

4.1 Mayoral Focus - End of Term Report

Directorate: Corporate Services
Responsible Officer: Manager Corporate Integrity and Legal Counsel
Reviewer: Director Corporate Services
Attachments: Nil

Purpose

To provide a final update to Councillors and the community on the areas of focus for the 2022-23 mayoral term of Cr Antoinette Briffa.

Recommendation

That Council notes the progress made on initiatives and activities that were identified by Cr Antoinette Briffa as focus areas for her 2022-23 mayoral term.

Motion

Moved Cr Diana Grima, seconded Cr Matt Tyler:

That Council notes the progress made on initiatives and activities that were identified by Cr Antoinette Briffa as focus areas for her 2022-23 mayoral term.

Carried unanimously

5 Election of the Mayor

The procedure for the election of the Mayor followed section 25 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and section 2 of the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules

5.1 Determination of Mayoral Term

In accordance with section 26(3) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and rule 2.1.2 of the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules, before the election of the Mayor, Council must determine by resolution whether the Mayor is to be elected for a one-year or a two-year term.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Resolves the mayoral term to be a period of one year commencing upon the election of the Mayor on 10 November 2023.
2. Notes that the next election of the Mayor, to be determined when Council adopts its annual timetable of meetings, must be held on a day that is as close to the end of the one-year term as is reasonably practicable.

Motion

Moved Cr Antoinette Briffa, seconded Cr Diana Grima:

That Council:

1. Resolves the mayoral term to be a period of one year commencing upon the election of the Mayor on 10 November 2023.
2. Notes that the next election of the Mayor, to be determined when Council adopts its annual timetable of meetings, must be held on a day that is as close to the end of the one-year term as is reasonably practicable.

Carried unanimously

5.2 Nomination and Election of the Mayor

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

Nominations for the Office of Mayor

Cr Matt Tyler was nominated by Cr Jonathon Marsden and accepted the nomination.

Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud was nominated by Cr Peter Hemphill and accepted the nomination.

Election of the Mayor

As multiple nominations were received, a vote by show of hands was conducted to elect the Mayor, in accordance with rule 2.6.6 of the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules.

The Chief Executive Officer put Cr Tyler's nomination to the vote.

For: Cr Antoinette Briffa, Cr Diana Grima, Cr Jonathon Marsden, Cr Matt Tyler

The Chief Executive Officer put Cr Sutton-Legaud's nomination to the vote.

For: Cr Peter Hemphill, Cr Daria Kellander, Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud

As Cr Tyler received an absolute majority of votes, the Chief Executive Officer declared Cr Tyler to be duly elected as Mayor.

Shortly after announcement of Cr Tyler's election, the meeting had to be temporarily halted due to a member of the public causing a disruption in the chamber.

Motion

Moved Cr Antoinette Briffa, seconded Cr Daria Kellander:

That the meeting be adjourned for ten minutes.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7.32pm and resumed at 7.53pm.

Motion**Moved Cr Antoinette Briffa, seconded Cr Daria Kellander:****That the meeting be recommenced.****Carried**

Upon recommencing the meeting, the Chief Executive Officer as Chairperson repeated the announcement that Cr Tyler had been elected Mayor.

Cr Tyler was robed by outgoing mayor Cr Briffa and presented with the mayoral chain of office by the Chief Executive Officer, and took the central seat of the meeting as Mayor.

The Chief Executive Officer invited Councillors to speak. All Councillors offered congratulations to Cr Tyler on his election.

The Chief Executive Officer also offered Cr Tyler his congratulations and formally passed over the Chairperson role to Cr Tyler for the remainder of the meeting.

5.3 Mayoral Response

Cr Tyler thanked the Chief Executive Officer and Councillors for their kind words, and thanked Cr Sutton-Legaud for accepting her nomination for Mayor, saying that it was an important part of the democratic process to have a vote.

He thanked everyone in the room for their support and for what they do to make the community better, and that it was a great honour to be here and that he would not take the role of Mayor for granted but would give “absolutely everything” to it.

Regarding his future mayoral program, Cr Tyler said that he felt there were some significant challenges this year and that he intends to develop the mayoral program in collaboration with his colleagues, but wanted to touch on some of what motivates him in his role: significant initiatives including social housing at Laverton, investments in open space and physical infrastructure such as libraries, and advocacy such as relationships with federal members of Parliament.

Cr Tyler commended Councillors and Council staff for their efforts to help people in the community, and concluded his speech with personal thanks to his mum and to his wife Sarah.

6 Election of the Deputy Mayor

6.1 Nomination and Election of the Deputy Mayor

Nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor

Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud was nominated by Cr Daria Kellander and accepted the nomination.

Election of the Deputy Mayor

As there were no further nominations, the Chairperson declared that Cr Sutton-Legaud was duly elected deputy mayor.

The Chairperson called for Councillors to respond. All Councillors offered congratulations to Cr Sutton-Legaud.

6.2 Deputy Mayoral Response

Cr Sutton-Legaud congratulated Cr Tyler on his election and said that she was delighted to be the deputy mayor, and that she thought it would be an exciting year with an upcoming election and much to do between now and then.

Cr Sutton-Legaud said that she hoped that members of the community know they can call on her and she will listen to them, and that she cares about what is happening across the municipality, highlighting that even though councillors are elected to specific wards, they represent the whole of Hobsons Bay.

7 Close of Meeting

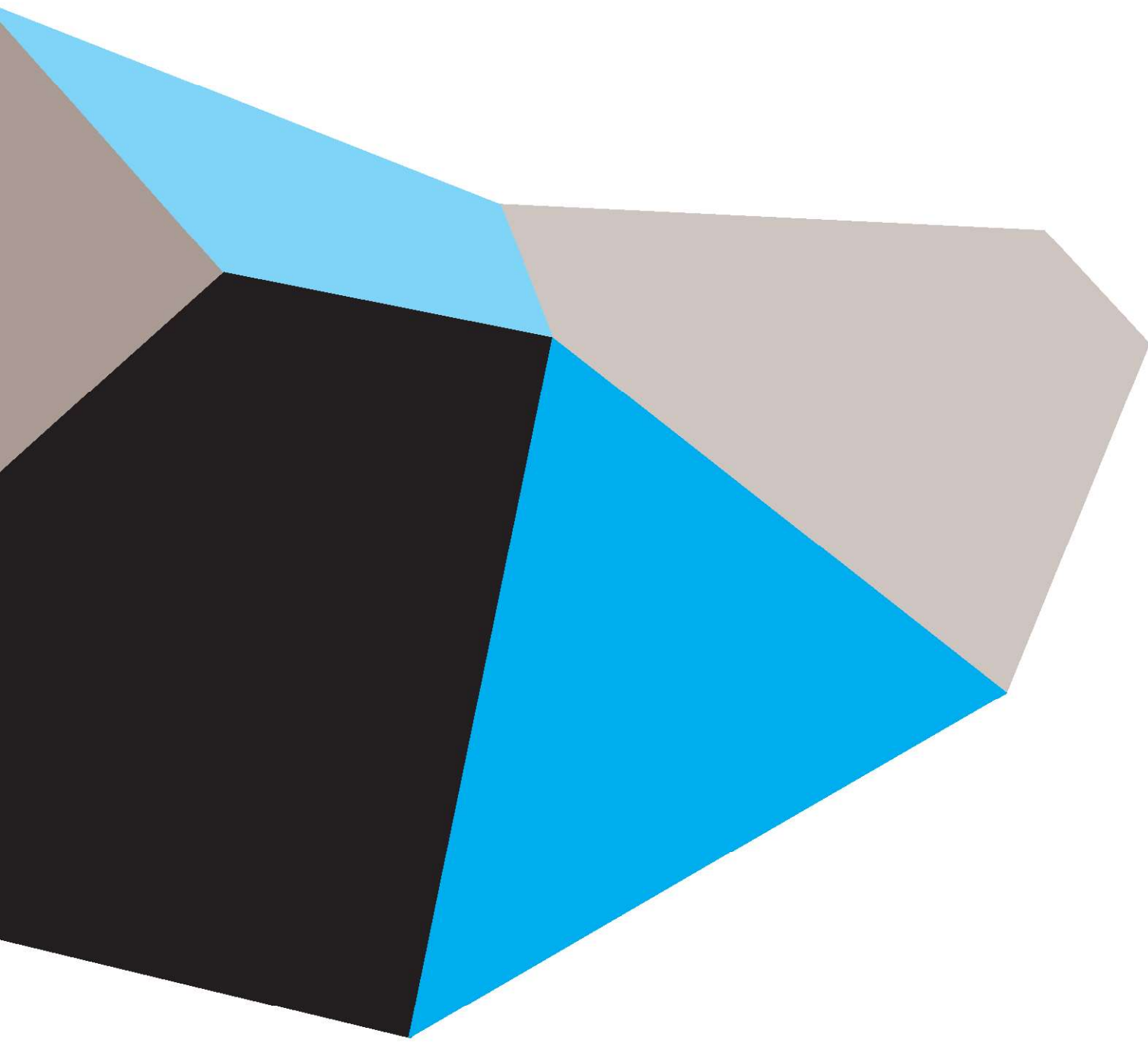
There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 8.18pm.



Chairperson – Cr Matt Tyler

Signed and certified as having been confirmed

12 December 2023



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