

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



(Open to the public)

Thursday 8 December 2022

Online - via Webex Events

Commencement 8.28pm

Attendance

Councillor Felicity Sinfield (Mayor)
Councillor Jim Parke
Councillor Victor Franco
Councillor Wes Gault
Councillor Di Gillies
Councillor Lisa Hollingsworth
Councillor Jane Addis
Councillor Cynthia Watson
Councillor Susan Biggar
Councillor Garry Thompson
Councillor Nick Stavrou

Apologies

Nil

Officers

Phillip Storer	Chief Executive Officer
Daniel Freer	Director Places and Spaces
Scott Walker	Director Urban Living
Carolyn McClean	Director Community Support
Mans Bassi	Director Customer & Transformation
Amy Montalti	Chief Financial Officer
Mary-Anne Palatsides	Executive Manager PCD
Bryan Wee	Manager Governance and Legal
Kirstin Ritchie	Coordinator Governance
Elizabeth Manou	Senior Governance Officer

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Procedural motion - Resumption

Moved Councillor Sinfield

Seconded Councillor Hollingsworth

That the Council Meeting adjourned on 21 November 2022 be resumed.

CARRIED

The Council meeting resumed at 8.32pm with all councillors present except Councillor

1. Declaration of conflict of interest of any councillor or council officer

Nil.

Councillor Addis vacates the Chair and joins her Councillor colleagues at 8.33pm

The Chief Executive Officer assumes the position of Chair in accordance with section 25 of the Local Government Act 2020 at 8.33pm.

2. Election of the Mayor for 2022-2023

The election of the Mayor of the City of Boroondara is conducted annually.

Following the election of the Mayor, the Mayor is welcomed to the position as Leader of the City, and first Citizen.

The Chief Executive Officer, Phillip Storer, invited nominations for the office of the Mayor for the 2022-23 Mayoral year.

Councillor Hollingsworth nominated Councillor Sinfield. Councillor Parke seconded the nomination. Councillor Sinfield accepted the nomination.

Councillor Gillies nominated Councillor Addis. Councillor Gault seconded the nomination. Councillor Addis accepted the nomination.

The Chief Executive Officer then invited Councillors to vote for their preferred Candidate.

Councillor Sinfield received a total of six votes.
Councillor Addis received a total of five votes.

Having received an absolute majority of votes, the Chief Executive Officer declared Councillor Sinfield elected to the position of Mayor of Boroondara City Council for 2022/23.

The Mayor, Councillor Sinfield, assumed the Chair at 8.36pm.

Procedural motion - Adjournment

Moved Councillor Parke

Seconded Councillor Thompson

That the Council meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The Council meeting adjourned at 8.37pm

Procedural motion - Resumption

Moved Councillor Parke

Seconded Councillor Biggar

That the Council Meeting be resumed.

CARRIED

The Council meeting resumed at 8.47pm with all councillors present.

3. Election of the Deputy Mayor for 2022-2023

The Deputy Mayor must perform the role of the Mayor and may exercise any of the powers of the Mayor if:

- The Mayor is unable for any reason to attend a Council meeting or part of a Council meeting; or
- The Mayor is incapable of performing the duties of the office of Mayor for any reason, including illness; or
- The office of the Mayor is vacant.

The Mayor invited nominations for the office of the Deputy Mayor for 2022-23.

Councillor Gault nominated Councillor Gillies. Councillor Addis seconded the nomination. Councillor Gillies accepted the nomination.

Councillor Parke nominated Councillor Hollingsworth. Councillor Watson seconded the nomination. Councillor Hollingsworth accepted the nomination.

The Mayor then invited Councillors to vote for their preferred Candidate.

Councillor Gillies received a total of five votes.
Councillor Hollingsworth received a total of six votes.

Having received an absolute majority of votes, the Mayor declared Councillor Hollingsworth elected to the position of Deputy Mayor of Boroondara City Council for 2022/23.

4. Election of Chairpersons to Delegated Committees of Council

Chairpersons of the Urban Planning Delegated Committee and Services Delegated Committee are elected annually.

The Mayor invited nominations for the Chairperson of the Urban Planning Delegated Committee.

Councillor Parke nominated Councillor Stavrou. Councillor Hollingsworth seconded the nomination. Councillor Stavrou accepted the nomination.

Councillor Addis nominated Councillor Gault. Councillor Biggar seconded the nomination. Councillor Gault accepted the nomination.

The Mayor then invited Councillors to vote for their preferred Candidate.

Councillor Stavrou received a total of five votes.
Councillor Gault received a total of five votes.

Procedural motion - Adjournment

Moved Councillor Thompson

Seconded Councillor Biggar

That the Council meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The Council meeting adjourned at 8.59pm

Procedural motion - Resumption

Moved Councillor Thompson

Seconded Councillor Biggar

That the Council Meeting be resumed.

CARRIED

The Council meeting resumed at 9.25pm with all councillors present.

The Mayor again invited Councillors to vote for their preferred Candidate.

Councillor Stavrou received a total of six votes.
Councillor Gault received a total of five votes.

Having received an absolute majority of votes, the Mayor appointed Councillor Stavrou as the Chairperson of the Urban Planning Delegated Committee until such time as Council resolved otherwise.

The Mayor invited nominations for the Chairperson for the Services Delegated Committee.

Councillor Thompson nominated Councillor Gillies. Councillor Addis seconded the nomination. Councillor Gillies accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the Mayor appointed Councillor Gillies as the Chairperson of the Services Delegated Committee until such time as Council resolved otherwise.

5. Audit and Risk Committee Membership 2022-2023

The City of Boroondara appoints councillors on an annual basis to the Audit and Risk Committee.

The Mayor invited nominations for the Chairperson for the Services Delegated Committee.

Councillor Thompson nominated Councillor Stavrou. Councillor Watson seconded the nomination. Councillor Stavrou accepted the nomination.

Councillor Hollingsworth nominated Councillor Parke. Councillor Watson seconded the nomination. Councillor Parke accepted the nomination.

Councillor Biggar nominated Councillor Addis. Councillor Gillies seconded the nomination. Councillor Addis declined the nomination.

MOTION

Moved Councillor Hollingsworth

Seconded Councillor Thompson

That Council resolve, that until such time as Council resolves otherwise, Council membership of the Audit and Risk Committee shall comprise Councillors Stavrou and Parke.

CARRIED

6. Council and Committee Meeting Schedule 2023

Purpose

The purpose of this report to give consideration to adopting the attached Council and Committee meeting schedule for 2022 (Attachment 1).

Background

The Council and Committee Meeting schedule is set annually in advance, based on a regular monthly cycle. This ensures that Council complies with its Governance Rules and gives Council a timetable of meetings to duly consider Council business.

Key Issues

The schedule for 2023 is based around the same monthly cycle adopted for 2022 with some variations to accommodate for public holidays and statutory deadlines. Historically, deviations from the usual cycle occur:

- at the start and end of each year to account for the Christmas break
- where a public holiday falls on a Monday
- to accommodate specific needs.

Changes are made by the Chief Executive Officer, if required, in consultation with the Mayor or Chairpersons of the Delegated Committees.

Next Steps

Once adopted the schedule of meetings is communicated to the community by Council's website, advertisements in the Boroondara Bulletin and a public notice in the Age newspaper.

MOTION

Moved Councillor Thompson

Seconded Councillor Parke

That Council resolve to:

- 1. Adopt the Council and Committee Meeting Schedule for 2023 as annexed to the minutes.**
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to amend the Council and Committee Meeting Schedule as necessary, in consultation with the Mayor and as required the Committee chairpersons, in accordance with the requirements of the Governance Rules**

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 9.37pm

Confirmed

Chairperson _____

Yelby Sinclair

Date _____

27 FEB-2023