



WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

9 NOVEMBER 2020

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Acting Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer at 10:00AM

2 PRAYER OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS: Councillor Tim Elstone (Acting Mayor)
Councillor Greg Evans
Councillor Steve Heywood
Councillor Jane MacAllister
Councillor Don McKinnon (Via Video Conferencing)
Councillor Susan Nichols
Councillor Peter Nunan
Councillor Bill Wheeldon OAM

STAFF: Ken Ross (General Manager)
Simon Rule (Director Finance and Policy)
Gayle Marsden (Executive Assistant General Manager)
Chloe Horne (Business Support Officer)

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Nil

5 OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

NIL

6 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

6.1 ELECTION OF MAYOR

File Number: RPT/20/718

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

Due to the resignation of Melisa Hederics as Mayor, Council is required to have a Mayoral Election.

In line with amendments to *the Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) due to Covid-19, the General Council elections have been postponed until September 2021. The elected Mayor will hold office until September 2021, being the next general election of Council.

Recommendation

That Council determines the process to elect the Mayor by preferential ballot, by ordinary ballot or by open voting.

That the General Manager receives nominations for the position of Mayor for the period up to the next general election of Council and declares whether an election is required, and if so conducts the election.

Council Resolution

That Council determine the process to elect the Mayor will be by open voting.

The General Manager (Returning Officer) received two nominations for the position of Mayor for the period up to the next general election. Cr Nichols nominated by Cr Nunan seconded by Cr McKinnon. Cr Elstone nominated by Cr Heywood seconded by Cr Evans. The Returning Officer declared an election will be required

Moved Cr. Nunan, Seconded Cr. Nichols

CARRIED

Voting

Cr Nichols received 4 votes
Cr Elstone received 4 votes

Returning Officer announced that due to the voting being a draw, the election of Mayor will be determined by lot from a hat.

The candidates observed the filling out and folding of the ballot papers.

The Returning Officer drew from a hat and Cr Nichols was duly elected Mayor.

Cr Elstone congratulated Cr Nichols on her election and advised she has his full support as Deputy Mayor.

Cr Nichols thanked Cr Elstone for his words and also thanked the former Mayor, Councillors and staff.

7 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

Mayor Nichols closed the meeting at 10.08AM

NEXT MEETING

18 November 2020

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CHAIR