

**City of Kingston  
Special (Statutory) Council Meeting**

**Minutes**

**4 December 2008**

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Minutes of the City of Kingston Special (Statutory) Council Meeting held at 1230 Nepean Highway, Cheltenham, on Thursday, 4 December 2008 at 7.00 pm.

**Present:** Councillor-elect Arthur Athanasopoulos  
Councillor-elect Donna Bauer  
Councillor-elect Ron Brownlees  
Councillor-elect Lewis Dundas  
Councillor-elect Paul Peulich  
Councillor-elect John Ronke  
Councillor-elect Trevor Shewin  
Councillor-elect Steve Staikos  
Councillor-elect Rosemary West OAM

**In Attendance:** John Nevins - Chief Executive Officer  
Paul Franklin - General Manager Corporate Services  
Tony Rijs - General Manager Environmental Sustainability  
Elaine Sowerby - General Manager Organisational Development and Governance  
Rob Crispin - Acting General Manager Community Sustainability  
Sue Braddy - Acting Manager Communications and Promotions  
Michael Fry – Team Leader Council Business

Seated in the public gallery were the Junior Mayor, Tahryn Mant, the immediate past Mayor, Bill Nixon OAM, former Mayors and Councillors of the City of Kingston, Village Committee Chairpersons, distinguished guests, friends and family of the Councillors, plus citizens and community groups of the year.

The Chief Executive Officer, John Nevins, opened the meeting at 7.02pm.

**1. Apologies**

There were no apologies.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations.

**3. Oath / Affirmation of Office**

The Chief Executive Officer, John Nevins, conducted the taking of the Oath / Affirmation of Office by each Councillor-elect as required by the Local Government Act 1989.

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Councillors-elect Arthur Athanasopoulos, Donna Bauer, Ron Brownlees, Lewis Dundas, Paul Peulich and John Ronke recited the Oath of Office and Trevor Shewin, Steve Staikos and Rosemary West OAM recited the Affirmation of Office.

Documentation attesting the taking of either the Oath or Affirmation of Office by each Councillor-elect was signed and witnessed by the Chief Executive Officer, John Nevins, and is attached to these minutes.

*(Oaths / Affirmations of Office are attached to these minutes).*

**3. Nomination of Temporary Chairperson**

The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations for a temporary Chairperson.

Cr West nominated Cr Ronke to be the temporary Chairperson. Cr West's motion was seconded by Cr Peulich. There being no further nominations, Cr Ronke assumed the Chair.

**4. Election of Mayor 2008/09**

The temporary Chairperson, Cr Ronke, requested that the Chief Executive Officer, John Nevins, proceed with the Election of Mayor for 2008/09. The Chief Executive Officer invited nominations for the office of Mayor 2008/09.

Cr West nominated Cr Athanasopoulos, and Cr Athanasopoulos accepted the nomination.

Upon establishing that there were no other nominations, the Chief Executive Officer declared Cr Athanasopoulos elected to the office of Mayor for 2008/09.

The Chief Executive Officer invited the immediate past Mayor, Bill Nixon, to place the Mayoral Chains on the newly elected Mayor, Cr Athanasopoulos.

The Chief Executive Officer presented the newly elected Mayor, Cr Athanasopoulos, and the Mayoress, Lucy Athanasopoulos, with a gift on behalf of the City of Kingston. The Chief Executive Officer also presented the former Mayor, Bill Nixon, with a token of appreciation on behalf of the City of Kingston.

The Mayor, Cr Athanasopoulos, assumed the Chair and Cr Ronke returned to the Councillor table.

**7. Address by Newly Elected Mayor**

The Mayor, Cr Athanasopoulos, proceeded to address the meeting, expressing his thanks to his supporters and fellow candidates in the election, acknowledging the Chief Executive and staff for their work to date and into the future, and outlined his intended approach for the forthcoming year.

**8. Expressions of Congratulations to Newly Elected Mayor**

All Councillors in turn congratulated the Mayor on his election, and expressed their support and best wishes. The Chief Executive Officer also congratulated the Mayor on behalf of the staff at the City of Kingston.

The Mayor, Cr Athanasopoulos, thanked his fellow Councillors and the Chief Executive Officer for their words of congratulations and support.

**9. Appointment of Councillors to Committees and Organisations**

The Mayor advised the next order of business would be the appointment of Councillors to Committees.

**Crs Staikos/Bauer**

That the Mayor and Councillor Peulich be appointed as the Council's representatives on the Audit Committee and Councillor Dundas be appointed as the substitute representative.

**Carried**

**Crs Brownlees/Shewin**

That the Council defer consideration of the appointment of representatives to the following Committees / Organisations to the Ordinary Council Meeting on 22 December 2008:

**Part A- External Committees / Organisations**

Australian Mayoral Aviation Council  
Moorabbin Airport Consultative Committee  
Association of Bayside Municipalities (ABM)  
Local Government Waste Management Forum  
Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)  
Patterson Lakes Advisory (Melbourne Water) Committee  
Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA)  
Metropolitan Transport Forum  
Regional Housing Working Group  
Inter Council Aboriginal Consultative Committee

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MAV Strategic Environment Advisory Group  
Victorian Local Sustainability Network.  
Chelsea Community Renewal Project

**Part B-Internal Committees**

Fine Food, Wine and Music by the Bay Festival  
Access and Equity Committee  
World Globe to Globe Festival Committee  
Kingston Harvest Festival Committee  
Australia Day Committee  
Municipal Emergency Planning Committee  
Friends of Manatuto Committee  
Kingston Youth Festival  
Kingston Youth Advisory Committee  
Historical Societies Network  
Arts and Culture Reference Group  
LF Payne Hall Usage Committee  
Positive Ageing Steering Group  
Kingston Charitable Trust Community Grants Panel

**Carried**

**10. Setting of Ordinary Council Meeting Timetable**

**Crs Shewan/Dundas**

That Ordinary Council Meetings for 2009 be held at 7.00pm at the City of Kingston Offices, 1230 Nepean Highway, Cheltenham, on the dates set out below:

- Monday 2 February
- Monday 23 February
- Monday 23 March
- Monday 27 April
- Monday 25 May
- Monday 22 June
- Monday 27 July
- Monday 24 August
- Monday 28 September
- Monday 26 October
- Monday 23 November
- Monday 14 December

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**11. Setting of Time Limits for Ordinary Meetings**

**Crs Bauer/Brownlees**

That the present time limit of 3 hours for Ordinary Council Meetings (with scope for extension by Council resolution if required) be confirmed.

**Carried**

**12. Urgent Business**

There were no items of Urgent Business.

**13. Reception for Councillors/Guests**

The Mayor invited Councillors, officers and guests to the 6<sup>th</sup> floor Oakleigh Room for a reception.

The meeting closed at 7.43pm following consideration of this item.

**Confirmed.....His Worship The Mayor 22 December 2008.**