



City of
KINGSTON

Special (Statutory) Council Meeting

Minutes

Monday 5 November 2012

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm

in the

Council Chamber

1230 Nepean Highway, Cheltenham

Minutes of the City of Kingston Special (Statutory) Council Meeting held at 1230 Nepean Highway, Cheltenham, on Monday 5 November 2012 at 7.00 pm.

Present: Cr Tamara Barth
Cr Tamsin Bearsley
Cr Ron Brownlees OAM
Cr David Eden
Cr Geoff Gledhill
Cr Paul Peulich
Cr John Ronke
Cr Steve Staikos
Cr Rosemary West OAM

In Attendance: John Nevins - Chief Executive Officer
Mauro Bolin - General Manager Community Sustainability
Rachel Hornsby - General Manager Environmental Sustainability
Sarah Bishop - Manager Communications and Public Affairs
Kirsten Leiminger – Media Communications Officer
Phil De Losa – Program Leader Governance
Angela Granter – Governance Officer

Seated in the public gallery were the Junior Mayor Matthew Bergen, Village Committee Chairpersons, Inga Peulich MLC - Member for the South Eastern Metropolitan Region, Lorraine Wreford MLA - State Member for Mordialloc, Elizabeth Miller MLA - Member for Bentleigh, 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 7.00pm.

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.

Councillors-elect Tamara Barth, Tamsin Bearsley, Ron Brownlees OAM, Geoff Gledhill, Paul Peulich, and John Ronke recited the Oath of Office and Councillors-elect David Eden, 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).

4. Appointment of Acting Chairperson

The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations for an Acting Chairperson.

Moved: Cr Bearsley

Seconded: Cr West

That Cr Staikos be the Acting Chairperson.

CARRIED

5. Election of Mayor 2012/13

The Acting Chairperson, Cr Staikos, invited nominations for the office of Mayor 2012/13.

Cr Ronke nominated Cr Brownlees and Cr Brownlees accepted the nomination.

Cr Peulich nominated himself.

Upon confirming that there were two nominations, the Acting Chairperson, Cr Staikos, requested that the Chief Executive Officer, John Nevins, proceed with the Election of Mayor for 2012/13. The Chief Executive Officer conducted the election by a show of hands. Cr Brownlees received eight (8) votes and Cr Peulich received one (1) vote. The Chief Executive Officer declared Cr Brownlees elected to the office of Mayor for 2012/13.

The Chief Executive Officer invited the immediate past Mayor, Cr John Ronke, to place the Mayoral Chains on the newly elected Mayor, Cr Brownlees.

The Mayor, Cr Brownlees assumed the Chair and Cr Staikos returned to the Councillor table.

Address by newly elected Mayor

The Mayor, Cr Brownlees, addressed the meeting stating his aspirations for the coming year.

The Mayor, Cr Brownlees presented a gift to the former Mayoress, Mrs Sandy Ronke.

Address by former Mayor

Cr Ronke congratulated the Mayor, Cr Brownlees on his election and expressed his support and best wishes for Cr Brownlees's mayoral term.

Dedication – Thelma Mansfield**Moved: Cr Peulich****Seconded: Cr Gledhill**

That Council pay tribute to the wonderful service provided to the Kingston Community by Thelma Mansfield and that Council express its condolences to the family and friends of Thelma Mansfield.

CARRIED

Cr Peulich delivered Council's tribute and as a mark of respect one minute's silence was held in recognition of Thelma Mansfield.

(As resolved at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 26 November 2012, a copy of Cr Peulich's tribute on behalf of Council is attached to these minutes.)

6. Setting of Ordinary Council and Special Committee (Planning Committee) meeting dates for 2013**Moved: Cr Eden****Seconded: Cr Barth**

That Ordinary Council Meetings, Planning Committee Meetings and the Special (Statutory) Council Meeting for 2013 be held at 7.00pm at the City of Kingston Offices, 1230 Nepean Highway, Cheltenham, on the dates set out below:

Ordinary Meetings of Council

Monday 25 February

Monday 25 March

Monday 22 April

Monday 27 May

Monday 24 June

Monday 22 July

Monday 26 August

Monday 23 September

Monday 28 October

Monday 25 November

Monday 16 December

Planning Committee Meetings

Wednesday 6 February

Wednesday 20 February

Wednesday 20 March

Wednesday 17 April

Wednesday 22 May

Wednesday 19 June

Wednesday 17 July

Wednesday 21 August

Wednesday 18 September

Wednesday 23 October

Wednesday 20 November

Wednesday 11 December

CARRIED

7. Setting of Time Limits for Ordinary Meetings

Moved: Cr Gledhill

Seconded: Cr Eden

That a time limit of 3 hours be set for Ordinary Council Meetings and Planning Committee Meetings (with scope for extension by Council resolution if required) in accordance with Clause 25 of Meeting Procedures Local Law No 7.

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm.

Confirmed..... His Worship The Mayor

Condolence Motion Moved by Cr Paul Peulich for Mrs Thelma Mansfield**Kingston Citizen of the Year 2012**

It is my honour to move the condolence motion on the recent passing of our Kingston Citizen of the Year for 2012 , Mrs Thelma Mansfield.

Mrs Thelma Mansfield , aged 80, passed away on 1 November 2012 (All Saints Day) at the Moorabbin Hospital, after being diagnosed with advanced Ovarian Cancer- the silent killer. Ironically, Thelma worked nursing in aged care , and despite her age, only stopped doing night shift in recent years. Thelma's role as a nurse carried over into every aspect of her life – she helped everyone but especially the old and the isolated.

Thelma's dedication to various social and community causes has been recognised through her award as the City of Kingston Citizen of the Year for 2012 and in 2001, when she received a Centenary Medal, and despite failing health, she continued to serve as a Meals on Wheels volunteers and on the Moorabbin Highett Village Committee on which she had served since its inception.

Thelma leaves behind her 4 daughters she raised single handedly – Sandra, Christine, Wendy and Karen as well as many grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

To the Mansfield family, on behalf of our community , thank you for allowing Thelma to share her life with so many to whom she was a valued friend and community worker , including some of our most isolated and vulnerable. Thelma was a quiet, but influential achiever never seeking fuzzi or personal accolades , but her influence is demonstrated by the fact that the Premier of Victoria called Thelma two days before her passing to wish her strength and to tell her he was thinking of her.

Thelma had earned our recognition for her contributions as well as our admiration and gratitude. Vale Thelma Mansfield – we are all richer for your friendship and our community is richer for your many deeds during your life.

For those who may be interested in attending Thelma's funeral arrangements , this will be held at the Boyd Chapel, Springvale Botanical Cemetery, Princes Hwy, Springvale on WEDNESDAY (Nov. 7, 2012) with a Service at 11.45 a.m.

Vale Thelma Mansfield, Kingston's Citizen of the Year for 2012 and Rest In Peace.