



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2020

MINUTES

**Meeting was held virtually and streamed live
via Council's website
at 6.30pm**

Present

Chief Executive Officer: Rebecca McKenzie

Councillor Elect Tony Athanasopoulos
Councillor Elect Anne-Marie Cade
Councillor Elect Margaret Esakoff
Councillor Elect Jim Magee
Councillor Elect Sam Parasol
Councillor Elect Neil Pilling
Councillor Elect Li Zhang
Councillor Elect Simone Zmood
Councillor Elect David Zyngier

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The Chief Executive Officer Rebecca McKenzie was Chair of the Special Council Meeting (pro tem) in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and the *Glen Eira City Council Governance Rules*.

Ms McKenzie commenced by acknowledging the traditional owners, the Boon Wurrung people of the Kulin Nation.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Glen Eira City Council respectfully acknowledges that the Boon Wurrung people of the Kulin Nation are the traditional owners of the land now known as Glen Eira. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to and responsibility for this land.

The CEO then congratulated and welcomed the Councillors elect to the virtual Special Council Meeting and noted it was unfortunate that due to COVID the meeting could not be held in person with family and friends present. She advised that she is looking forward to working with Councillors through their term of Council.

In accordance with the Ministerial Guidelines for virtual Council Meetings, the CEO then confirmed that the Councillors elect could be recorded as present by ensuring they met the following three criteria:

- They can hear proceedings;
- They can see other members in attendance and can be seen by other members; and
- They can be heard (to speak)

2. APOLOGIES - NIL

3. OFFICER REPORTS (AS LISTED)

3.1 OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE AND COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

The Chief Executive Officer invited each Councillor elect in alphabetical order to take the Oath or Affirmation of Office and declare that they will abide by the Councillor Code of Conduct in accordance with the Local Government (Governance and Integrity Regulations) 2020.

Mr Tony Athanasopoulos took the Affirmation of Office

Mrs Anne-Marie Cade took the Oath of Office

Mrs Margaret Esakoff took the Oath of Office

Mr Jim Magee took the Affirmation of Office

Mr Sam Parasol took the Affirmation of Office

Mr Neil Pilling took the Affirmation of Office

Mrs Li Zhang took the Affirmation of Office

Mrs Simone Zmood took the Affirmation of Office

Mr David Zyngier took the Affirmation of Office

The CEO congratulated the Councillors of Glen Eira City Council and advised that signing of their Oath or Affirmation before her will take place after the conclusion of the meeting.

3.2 TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

Moved: Cr Zmood**Seconded: Cr Esakoff**

That Council determines the Office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor to be a 1 year term.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.3 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations for the Office of the Mayor for the 2020/21 Council year.

- Cr Cade nominated Cr Margaret Esakoff for the role of Mayor.
Cr Esakoff accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the Chief Executive Officer declared Cr Margaret Esakoff as Mayor of Glen Eira City Council for the 2020/21 Council year.

3.4 ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR

The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor for the 2020/21 Council year.

- Cr Athanasopoulos nominated Cr Jim Magee for the role of Deputy Mayor.
Cr Magee accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the Chief Executive Officer declared Cr Jim Magee as Deputy Mayor of Glen Eira City Council for the 2020/21 Council year.

The Chief Executive Officer invited Cr Esakoff to take the Chair and address the meeting as Mayor of Glen Eira City Council.

Cr Esakoff thanked the community for their support and trust they have shown in her and she will do her best over the next 4 years. Cr Esakoff also thanked her colleagues for the support and trust they have bestowed her to elect her as Mayor for this Council year. The Mayor congratulated the returning and new Councillors. This year is a year of healing for Glen Eira and for all of Victoria and I look forward to leading the community and the Council through this period.

The Mayor invited the Deputy Mayor to address the meeting.

Cr Magee congratulated the Mayor and acknowledged the new Councillor group. He also acknowledged the past Councillor group and returning Councillors and stated he is looking forward to this term of Council to build on the work of the past Council.

All Councillors made statements including congratulating the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for their appointments and thanked the community and their families for their support.

The Mayor advised that the next Council meeting will be held virtually at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24 November 2020.

4. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 7.12pm

Confirmed this 24th day of November 2020

Chairperson.....