



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday 19 November, 2024
6.30pm**

**Footscray Town Hall
61 Napier St, Footscray**

MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Pradeep Tiwari
Councillor Cuc Lam
Councillor Mohamed Semra
Councillor Susan Yengi
Councillor Samantha Meredith
Councillor Bernadette Thomas
Councillor Elena Pereyra

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to be held on 10 December, 2024

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1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING AND WELCOME

The meeting commenced at 6:31pm.

The Chief Executive Officer advised the meeting that in accordance with Clause 6.1 of Council's Governance Rules, the Chief Executive Officer would chair the meeting until a Mayor has been elected by the Council.

The Chair made the following acknowledgement:

"We acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Kulin Nation. We offer our respect to the Elders of these traditional lands, and through them to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, past and present".

PRESENT

Councillor Pradeep Tiwari
Councillor Cuc Lam
Councillor Mohamed Semra
Councillor Susan Yengi
Councillor Samantha Meredith
Councillor Bernadette Thomas
Councillor Elena Pereyra (online)

IN ATTENDANCE

Chief Executive Officer, Celia Haddock
Director Community Services, Lucas Gosling
Director Planning and Environment, Mike McIntosh
Director Infrastructure Services, Patrick Jess
Director Corporate Services, Lisa King
Manager Governance and Commercial Services, Phil McQue
Coordinator Governance, Christopher Southavong

2. APOLOGIES

Nil.

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

4. OFFICER REPORTS

4.1. Term of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor

This report seeks to confirm by Council resolution the term of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, as required by the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Council Resolution

That Council resolve the term of the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor be a one year term.

Moved: Cr Bernadette Thomas
Seconded: Cr Cuc Lam

CARRIED

4.2. Election of the Mayor

In accordance with Part B – Election of Mayor of the Governance Rules, the Chief Executive Officer invited nominations for the Office of the Mayor for 2024/25.

Councillor Samantha Meredith nominated Councillor Bernadette Thomas.

Councillor Cuc Lam nominated Councillor Pradeep Tiwari.

There being two nominations, the Chief Executive Officer invited Councillor Bernadette Thomas and Councillor Pradeep Tiwari in that order to address the meeting on their candidacy for the Mayoral position.

The Chief Executive Officer then requested a show of hands for Councillor Bernadette Thomas to the Office of Mayor.

The Chief Executive Officer counted three votes in favour of Councillor Bernadette Thomas.

The Chief Executive Officer then requested a show of hands for Councillor Pradeep Tiwari to the Office of Mayor.

The Chief Executive Officer counted four votes in favour of Councillor Pradeep Tiwari.

Having received an absolute majority of votes, the Chief Executive Officer declared Councillor Pradeep Tiwari elected to the office of Mayor of Maribyrnong City Council for the 2024/25 period.

Mayor, Councillor Pradeep Tiwari assumed the Chair.

4.3. Election of the Deputy Mayor

In accordance with Part B – Election of Deputy Mayor of the Governance Rules, the Mayor invited nominations for the Office of the Deputy Mayor for 2024/25.

Councillor Mohamed Semra nominated Councillor Bernadette Thomas.

No other nominations were received.

The Mayor declared Councillor Bernadette Thomas elected to the office of Deputy Mayor of Maribyrnong City Council for the 2024/25 period.

4.4. Councillor Committee Appointments - 2024/25

This report considers the appointment of a Chairperson for Council's City Development Delegated Committee, and Councillor appointments to Council's Audit and Risk Committee, Chief Executive Officer Employment Matters Advisory Committee and the LeadWest Joint Delegated Committee.

Council Resolution

That Council:

- 1. Appoints Councillor Bernadette Thomas as the Chairperson of the City Development Delegated Committee for a one year term, to coincide with the Mayoral term;*
- 2. Appoints the Mayor, Councillor Pradeep Tiwari and Councillor Susan Yengi as representatives to the Audit and Risk Committee;*
- 3. Appoints the Mayor, Councillor Pradeep Tiwari as the Chairperson and Councillors Mohamed Semra, Cuc Lam and Bernadette Thomas as representatives to the Chief Executive Officer Employment Matters Advisory Committee; and*
- 4. Appoints Councillor Susan Yengi as the Councillor delegate and Councillor Elena Pereyra as the proxy Councillor delegate to the LeadWest Joint Delegated Committee.*

Moved: Cr Cuc Lam
Seconded: Cr Bernadette Thomas

CARRIED

4.5. Oaths of Office and Affirmations of Office - 2024 Maribyrnong City Council Election

The purpose of this report is for Council to record in its minutes, the taking of the Oath or Affirmation of Office by the candidates elected to the Office of Councillor at the October 2024 Council elections, as required under the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Council Resolution

That Council resolve to:

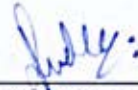
1. *Note that at a ceremony held at the Footscray Town Hall on Wednesday 13 November 2024, the following Councillors took their Oath of Office or Affirmation of Office before the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the requirements of Section 30 of the Local Government Act 2020:*
 - *Councillor Pradeep Tiwari, Bluestone Ward – Affirmation of Office*
 - *Councillor Cuc Lam, Braybrook Ward – Oath of Office*
 - *Councillor Mohamed Semra, Burndap Ward – Oath of Office*
 - *Councillor Susan Yengi, River Ward – Oath of Office*
 - *Councillor Samantha Meredith, Saltwater Ward – Oath of Office*
 - *Councillor Bernadette Thomas, Sheoak Ward – Affirmation of Office*
2. *Note that at a virtual ceremony held at the Maribyrnong Council Office on Friday 15 November, Councillor Elena Pereyra took the Affirmation of Office before the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the requirements of Section 30 of the Local Government Act 2020 and 5(b) of the Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020; and*
3. *To receive and note a copy of the executed Oaths of Office / Oath of Affirmation as shown in Attachment 1.*

Moved: Cr Cuc Lam
Seconded: Cr Susan Yengi

CARRIED

5. MEETING CLOSURE

The Chair, Councillor Tiwari, declared the meeting closed at 6.52pm.



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Chair, Cr Pradeep Tiwari