



**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF THE FRANKSTON CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, DAVEY STREET, FRANKSTON
ON 15 NOVEMBER 2023 at 7.01PM**

PRESENT	Cr. David Asker Cr. Sue Baker Cr. Kris Bolam Cr. Nathan Conroy Cr. Claire Harvey Cr. Brad Hill Cr. Liam Hughes (via Zoom) Cr. Suzette Tayler
APOLOGIES:	Nil. <i>Cr. Steven Hughes (currently suspended)</i>
ABSENT:	Nil.
OFFICERS:	Mr. Phil Cantillon, Chief Executive Officer Ms. Kim Jaensch, Director Corporate and Commercial Services Ms. Angela Hughes, Director Communities Mr. Cam Arullanantham, Director Infrastructure and Operations Ms. Shweta Babbar, Director Customer Innovation and Arts Ms. Brianna Alcock, Manager Governance Ms. Rachna Gupta Singh, Coordinator Governance Ms. Tenille Craig, Team Leader Governance Ms. Jenny Hill, Governance Officer Mr. Connor Rose, Systems Support Officer Mr. Jeremy O'Rourke, Supervising Technician Mr. Josh Lacey, Supervising Technician Ms. Suzanne La Fontaine, Coordinator Content and Brand Mr. Stefan Cardamone, Content and Creative Officer Mr. Chris Tatman, Publications and Media Officer
EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES:	Nil.

In accordance with the Local Government Act Section 25(3) and Council's Governance Rules, Section 6.1, the Chief Executive Officer took the Chair and Opened the Meeting.

COUNCILLOR STATEMENT

Councillor Tayler made the following statement:

“All members of this Council pledge to the City of Frankston community to consider every item listed on this evening’s agenda:

- Based on the individual merits of each item;*
- Without bias or prejudice by maintaining an open mind; and*
- Disregarding Councillors’ personal interests so as to avoid any conflict with our public duty.*

Any Councillor having a conflict of interest in an item will make proper, prior disclosure to the meeting and will not participate or vote on the issue.”

PRAYER

Councillor Tayler read the Opening Prayer.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

Councillor Tayler acknowledged the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation – the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we stand, and paid respect to Elders past, present and future. Respect was also extended to Elders of other communities who may have been present.

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1. APOLOGIES

Nil

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Council Meeting No. CM16 held on 1 November 2023.

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Tayler

Seconded: Councillor Harvey

That the minutes of the Council Meeting No. CM16 held on 1 November 2023 copies of which had previously been circulated to all Councillors, be confirmed, approved and adopted.

Carried Unanimously

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST AND DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

4. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF OFFICERS

4.1 Adoption of term for the Office of the Mayor

(BA Corporate and Commercial Services)

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Baker

Seconded: Councillor Tayler

That Council resolves to elect the Mayor for a 1 year term for 2023-2024 (from the date of this meeting until 6 a.m. on the date of next general election for the Council).

Carried Unanimously

4.2 Election of the Mayor for 2023-2024

(BA Corporate and Commercial Services)

The Chief Executive Officer outlined the process for the election of the Mayor and invited nominations for the Office of Mayor for the 2023/2024 Council Year.

Cr. Claire Harvey nominated Cr Sue Baker for the office of Mayor and Cr. Brad Hill seconded the nomination.

Cr. Liam Hughes nominated Cr. Nathan Conroy for office of Mayor and Cr. Suzette Tayler seconded the nomination.

In terms of Council's Governance Rules both candidates spoke to their nomination.

There being two nominations the Chief Executive Officer invited Councillors to vote for their preferred candidate by show of hands and noted 3 votes in favour of Cr. Baker and 5 votes in favour of Cr. Conroy, as detailed below:

In favour of Cr. Sue Baker: Cr Baker, Cr Harvey, Cr Hill (3)

In favour of Cr. Nathan Conroy: Cr Conroy, Cr Asker, Cr Bolam, Cr Liam Hughes and Cr Tayler (5)

Having received an absolute majority of votes, the Chief Executive officer declared Cr. Conroy elected to the position of Mayor of Frankston City Council for the 2023/2024 period.

Council Decision**Moved: Councillor Tayler****Seconded: Councillor Hill**

That, on the declaration of the result of the Mayoral Election by the Chief Executive Officer, the successful candidate Cr Conroy is elected Mayor of Frankston City Council for 2023-24 (from the date of this meeting until 6 a.m. on the date of next general elections for the Council).

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Conroy assumed the chair and addressed the meeting.

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4.3 Adoption of term for the Office of the Deputy Mayor
(BA Corporate and Commercial Services)

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Baker

Seconded: Councillor Tayler

That Council resolves to establish the position of Deputy Mayor and elects the Deputy Mayor for a 1 year term for 2023-2024 (from the date of this meeting until 6 a.m. on the date of next general election for the Council).

Carried Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7.37pm

Meeting resumed at 7.44pm

4.4 Election of the Deputy Mayor for 2023-2024

(BA Corporate and Commercial Services)

The Mayor outlined the process for the election of the Deputy Mayor and invited nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor for the 2023/2024 Council Year.

Cr. Sue Baker nominated Cr. Brad Hill for the office of Deputy Mayor and Cr. Claire Harvey seconded the nomination.

Mayor Cr. Nathan Conroy nominated Cr. Liam Hughes for office of Deputy Mayor and Cr. Liam Hughes seconded his nomination.

Cr. David Asker nominated Cr. Kris Bolam for the office of Deputy Mayor and Cr Bolam seconded his nomination.

In terms of Council's Governance Rules all three candidates spoke to their nomination.

There being three nominations the Mayor invited Councillors to vote for their preferred candidate by show of hands in order of nomination and noted 3 votes in favour of Cr. Brad Hill, 2 votes in favour of Cr. Liam Hughes and 3 votes in favour of Cr. Kris Bolam, as detailed below:

In favour of Cr. Brad Hill : Cr. Baker, Cr. Harvey, Cr. Hill (3)

In favour of Cr. Liam Hughes: Cr. Conroy, Cr. Liam Hughes (2)

In favour of Cr. Kris Bolam: Cr. Asker, Cr. Bolam, Cr. Tayler (3)

Having received the fewest number of votes, Cr. Liam Hughes was declared defeated.

A further vote was taken for the remaining candidates Cr. Brad Hill and Cr. Kris Bolam. Mayor invited Councillors to vote for their preferred candidate by show of hands in order of nomination and noted 4 votes in favour of Cr. Brad Hill and 4 votes in favour of Cr. Kris Bolam, as detailed below:

In favour of Cr. Brad Hill : Cr. Baker, Cr. Harvey, Cr. Hill, Cr. Liam Hughes (4)

In favour of Cr. Kris Bolam: Cr. Conroy, Cr. Asker, Cr. Bolam, Cr. Tayler (4)

As there was a tie, the Mayor proposed to go to a lot.

Meeting adjourned at 7.58pm

Meeting resumed at 8.02pm

Upon resuming the meeting, Cr. Kris Bolam announced his withdrawal as an election candidate. The Mayor proposed to recommence the nominations for election of Deputy Mayor.

Meeting adjourned at 8.06pm

Meeting resumed at 8.38pm

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Upon resuming the meeting the Mayor advised that Cr. Kris Bolam was not able to withdraw as an election candidate under the Governance Rules as the election process had commenced. As there was a tie, a further vote was taken for the remaining candidates Cr. Brad Hill and Cr. Kris Bolam. The Mayor invited Councillors to vote for their preferred candidate by show of hands in order of nomination and noted 4 votes in favour of Cr. Brad Hill and 4 votes in favour of Cr. Kris Bolam, as detailed below:

In favour of Cr. Brad Hill : Cr. Baker, Cr. Harvey, Cr. Hill, Cr. Liam Hughes (4)

In favour of Cr. Kris Bolam: Cr. Conroy, Cr. Asker, Cr. Bolam, Cr. Tayler (4)

After voting again there was a tie, the Mayor asked the Councillors if they wish to resolve to conduct the election of Deputy Mayor at a later date and time. Councillors indicated they wished to conduct the election of Deputy Mayor at a later date and time.

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Harvey

Seconded: Councillor Tayler

That Council:

1. Resolves to adjourn this meeting to consider the matters relating to the election of the Deputy Mayor and remaining matters listed in this agenda to Monday, 20 November 2023 at 6.30pm; and
2. Notes the details of adjournment of this meeting will be published on Council's website.

Carried Unanimously

The Mayor declared that election of Deputy Mayor will be considered on Monday, 20 November.

The remaining matters listed in this agenda were considered in this meeting.

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4.5 Recognition and Appreciation of services given to the Community by the Mayor for Mayoral Term

(BA Corporate and Commercial Services)

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Asker

Seconded: Councillor Tayler

That Council:

1. Prepares a letter under seal for Cr Nathan Conroy in recognition of his service as Mayor to the Frankston Community during the previous Mayoral Term from November 2022 to November 2023; and
2. Presents a letter under seal for Cr Nathan Conroy at a Councillor Briefing or function in December 2023.

Carried Unanimously

4.6 Recognition and Appreciation of services given to the community by the Deputy Mayor during Previous Term

(BA Corporate and Commercial Services)

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Baker

Seconded: Councillor Tayler

That Council:

1. Prepares a letter under seal for Cr Liam Hughes in recognition of his service as Deputy Mayor to the Frankston community during the previous Deputy Mayoral Term from November 2022 to November 2023; and
2. Presents the letter under seal for Cr Liam Hughes at a Councillor Briefing or function in December 2023.

Carried Unanimously

4.7 Adoption of Council Meeting Dates for 2024

(TC Corporate and Commercial Services)

Council Decision**Moved: Councillor Tayler****Seconded: Councillor Baker**

That Council:

1. Sets the following Council Meeting dates for 2024:
 - Monday 29 January 2024;
 - Monday 19 February 2024;
 - Monday 18 March 2024;
(School holidays: Friday 29 March to Sunday 14 April)
 - Monday 22 April 2024;
 - Monday 13 May 2024;
 - Monday 3 June 2024;
 - Monday 24 June 2024;
(School holidays: Monday 1 July to Sunday 14 July)
 - Monday 22 July 2024;
 - Monday 12 August 2024;
 - Monday 2 September 2024;
 - Monday 23 September 2024;
(School holidays: Saturday 21 September to Sunday 6 October)
(Caretaker Period – October 2024)
 - Monday 18 November 2024 (Meeting to elect Mayor and related business);
and
 - Monday 2 December 2024
2. Notes both planning and general matters will continue to be presented for Council's consideration at each three-weekly Council meeting;
3. Notes the meetings will be held at Frankston Civic Centre, unless advised otherwise;
4. Notes the meetings will commence at 7pm, unless advised otherwise; and
5. Notes the meeting dates, set out in part 1 of the recommendation, will be advertised by way of public notice and Council's website.

Carried Unanimously

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The meeting was closed to the public at 8.44 pm

CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

2023

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CHAIRPERSON

AUTHORITY TO STAMP INITIALS ON MINUTES

I, Cr. Nathan Conroy, Chairperson – Council Meeting hereby authorise the use of an electronic stamp of my initials to initial each page of these Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 15 November 2023, confirmed on Monday, 11 December 2023.

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(Cr. Nathan Conroy, Chairperson – Council Meeting)

Dated this

day of

2023

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