



**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF THE FRANKSTON CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, DAVEY STREET, FRANKSTON
ON 18 NOVEMBER 2021 at 7.01PM**

PRESENT	Cr. Nathan Conroy Cr. Suzette Tayler Cr. Kris Bolam Cr. David Asker Cr. Sue Baker Cr. Claire Harvey Cr. Brad Hill Cr. Liam Hughes (via zoom) Cr. Steven Hughes (via zoom)
APOLOGIES:	Nil.
ABSENT:	Nil.
OFFICERS:	Mr. Phil Cantillon, Chief Executive Officer Ms. Simone Wickes, Acting Chief Financial Officer Ms. Angela Hughes, Director Communities (via zoom) Mr. Cam Arullantham, Director Infrastructure and Operations (via zoom) Ms. Shweta Babbar, Director Business Innovation and Culture (via zoom) Ms. Brianna Alcock, Manager Governance and Information Ms. Vera Roberts, Acting Coordinator Governance Ms. Tenille Craig, Team Leader Governance Ms. Tameeka E-Sili, Executive Assistant to the Mayor and Councillors
EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES:	Nil

COUNCILLOR STATEMENT

Councillor Conroy 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.”

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PRAYER

At the request of the Mayor, Councillor Conroy read the Opening Prayer.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

Councillor Conroy 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. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST AND DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

3. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD

Nil

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4. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF OFFICERS

4.1 Election of the Mayor for 2021/2022

(TC Chief Financial Office)

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Harvey

Seconded: Councillor Baker

That Council:

1. Supports Cr Conroy to be nominated for the Office of Mayor; and
2. Notes Cr Conroy will be appointed for a term of 12 months.

Carried Unanimously

Cr Nathan Conroy received the Mayoral robes and the Mayoral chains and was invited to address the meeting

Mayor, Cr Nathan Conroy: Thank you to my colleagues for electing me as the new Mayor of this beautiful city.

Thank you to my colleagues for electing me Mayor of this beautiful city.

The past twelve months serving as your Deputy Mayor has been an honour and a privilege.

I would like to thank my beautiful wife to be for all her love and patience you've shared with me over the past eight years. Also to my mother who has come all the way from Ireland, so thank you. And to my extended family, thank you for being here and witnessing my special day.

Being a part of Council has allowed me the opportunities that wouldn't have been possible if I hadn't put up my hand to represent the people of Carrum Downs, Langwarrin, Sandhurst and Skye.

This is why I encourage all residents to get involved, to contribute and to make a difference in our community. This may not be in Council, this may be in your local clubs or community organisation, they need your help, your passion and they need good leaders.

I was given a clear mandate by residents, and although I am now the face of this organisation, I want to reconfirm and let you all know, each and every resident that I will do everything in my power to advocate for local amenities that will benefit families. I along with my colleagues who are working hard to support local businesses, improve safety and beautification and we are doing our best to champion the community groups and to champion their wonderful volunteers that participate in all groups so that we can build a stronger community.

Look, when I was nineteen, I came on a holiday and forgot to go back. I have come from humble beginnings from washing dishes and now look at me.... to becoming Mayor of this beautiful city, and in between, I became a General Manager, now after my term is done, I will become a childcare provider and all while studying for an MBA.

I am beyond blessed to live in a country so beautiful and with endless possibilities. To live in a country that allows you to have a fair go and allows you to reach your full potential.

Now onto to Councillor Kris Bolam. Thank you to the outgoing Mayor, Cr Kris Bolam for such a successful and challenging year. I thank you for your guidance and support over the past 12 months but I hope I did my part in supporting your Mayorship.

Kris, along with Council, drove Council advocacy priorities, two successful trips to Canberra where you met politicians of all colours and their advisors, building relationships not with just

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local municipalities like Kingston and Mornington but local Members of Parliament like Peta Murphy, Paul Edbrooke, Sonya Kilkenny, Neale Burgess. Promoting transparency, a record number of media releases, working with investors private and public, for being fair and balanced. For being tenacious, hardworking and dedicated completely to the office of Mayor. So thank you. Thank you, thank you.

Next I would like to thank Councillors, for their exceptional work over the past 12 months. Regardless of our own personal opinions, we put the City of Frankston first. Whilst we achieved some great results, we are still at the beginning of this journey.

Frankston's potential, as I said many times, is bursting at the seams and we are ready to take advantage as I said of the public and private investment that's pouring into the beautiful City of Frankston.

Our Frankston community is truly the greatest and I encourage you all, all residents, to spread the word that City of Frankston is open for business and we are raring to go.

I'm calling on all entrepreneurs who are deciding where to invest, if you want a fair dinkum go, then Frankston is that place to be.

With our economic development team, business concierge and the new business chamber, there is no time like the present.

Some of the greatest successes of Council, I'm going to list them now:

- We overturned a dog ban that has been around for over a decade;
- We created dog parks and dog beaches;
- We approved appropriate developments and knocked back the rest;
- We created a 2040 vision for the city;
- We created a council plan for the next 4 years so we have a strategic direction to work for;
- We created a policy for almost everything. and thank you Mr CEO for driving that. But with more to come;
- We started the FMAC structure plan which is going to redesign and redevelop the whole city;
- We created a business & industry chamber;
- We progressed the Yacht Club;
- We created and consulted with the community on our top advocacy priorities;
- We expanded outdoor dining;
- We supported local businesses;
- We have helped our clubs and community groups and we acknowledged the volunteers that are throughout the sporting community;

So Councillors, congratulations and to all residents who contributed in no matter what way, we thank you. Thank you.

Once again, thank you for electing me as Mayor. I am ready to hit the ground running and give everything I can. I hope I am going to make you proud, I want to unite the residents and Council and shine a positive light on the City of Frankston. Thank you.

Cr Kris Bolam: Thank you Mr Mayor, I'm very proud of you. Yes, you were a fantastic Deputy Mayor and I think you'll be an even better Mayor. Nathan's family, I know how much you mean to him and the fact that Mrs Conroy is here and Nathan's fiancé I think is fantastic and I know you'll be supporting him behind the scenes. He's going to need lots of support and if it's not the family, it's the Councillors, and if it's not the councillors, it's the staff, and if it's not the staff, it's the Frankston community. You've got plenty of support behind you Nathan. You've done everything as a Deputy Mayor, more than any Deputy Mayor that I know of. You've taken control of Citizenship Ceremonies, you have chaired Council Meetings, you've chaired Briefings, you've been in high level negotiations with Ministers and Shadow Ministers, you've dealt with the bureaucracy. I don't believe we have had a Deputy

Mayor as ready to be Mayor as you. So you've got my full support going into next year and I'm sure you're going to absolutely hit it out of the park. Congratulations.

Cr Claire Harvey: Congratulations My Mayor on your appointment. The word that comes to mind when I think of all that you bring to your role is exuberance and joy. You have a genuine interest in the political process, the fact that some aspects of it delight you is a part of your nature. But there's also deep engagement and that's because you are passionate about this city and wanting excellent outcomes, not just for the city but, more importantly, the people who make Frankston what it is. I've really enjoyed getting to know you and being a part of this really effective team and I'm really looking forward to all that you achieve as Mayor in this coming term. Congratulations again.

Cr Brad Hill: Mr Mayor, Nathan congratulations. I'm really happy to see you up there tonight. I've only known you for 12 months but I think we've worked very well together and how you've worked with the rest of the council. You're obviously, your heart's in the right place, you're a genuine person and I look forward to the next 12 months. Thank you very much.

Cr David Asker: I truly believe having you as Mayor will usher in a new freshness to this Council, a unique prospectus to the role and I look forward so much to the next 12 months and I wish you all the very, very best and I look forward to seeing you grow into that role and I thank you very much for your support. And can I just say, this is a bit of an in joke but you do pass, I'll give you passing marks from the school of Asker.

Cr Sue Baker: Thank you, through you Mr Mayor I'd just like to say a few congratulatory comments. It suits you. You've take up the position very well already. It has been a joy working with you this year and just watching you really learn about the machinations of Council. You've stepped in and up to the plate on so many occasions, with different things that we've all been learning this year but you really have gone I think that extra mile because you are so passionate about the process, passionate about community and you're very passionate about your ward as well. That needs to be said, because you've campaigned hard for them since you've been elected so I'm really excited about this year coming up and looking forward to it very much. Well done, congratulations.

Cr Suzette Tayler: I might cry. Congratulations Cr Conroy on being elected Mayor of Frankston City Council this evening. You are one of the most genuine people I have ever met and so passionate and dedicated for what you are wanting to achieve for Frankston municipality. I have no doubt that you will achieve greatness in the role as Mayor, and I know how proud your mother and fiancé are feeling right at this moment. I would also like to say to your mum, Mrs Conroy, welcome to Frankston and I know that you have travelled a long way for this moment. Cr Conroy was also Deputy Mayor this year and was incredibly supportive to Mayor and Councillors, always making himself available whenever needed. I just want to say thank you for the last 12 months as your Deputy Mayor I will give you all my support and I look forward to working with you. Thank you.

Cr Liam Hughes: Congrats, pretty much sums it up.

Cr Steven Hughes: The same, Congrats. Got an interesting year ahead of us and I look forward to working with you over the next year.

Chief Executive Officer, Mr Phil Cantillon: Thank you Mr Mayor, it'd be a remiss to the organisation not to say anything. A big pat on the back, a great congratulations to you. It's a fabulous achievement, really cherish it. Its well-deserved and as an organisation, we've really enjoyed working with you and getting to know you over these last 12 months. You know we can see the amazing array of ideas, enthusiasm and energy you bring to the role and we can see that there will be great things to achieve over the next 12 months working with you so, congratulations.

4.2 Election of Deputy Mayor for 2021/2022

(TC Chief Financial Office)

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

That Council:

1. Supports Cr Suzette Tayler to be nominated for the Office of Deputy Mayor; and
2. Notes Cr Suzette Tayler will be appointed for a term of 12 months.

Carried Unanimously

Cr Suzette Tayler was invited to address the meeting.

Deputy Mayor, Cr Suzette Tayler: Thank you Mr Mayor. I'm not going to repeat all the things that the Mayor has said tonight, but I would like to say, I'm honoured and privileged to be elected as Deputy Mayor this evening and I thank all Councillors for giving me this opportunity. Frankston has always been my home. My parents moved to Frankston from Queensland in 1957 and they made Frankston their home all their lives. I went to school in Frankston, I worked in Frankston, I raised my four children in Frankston and now in my fourth term in Council in Frankston. It has been quite the journey. This past 12 months working with such passionate Councillors with similar visions have been very rewarding and I'm looking forward to working with all of you, as your Deputy Mayor, for the next 12 months. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my family for supporting me as well. Thank you.

Mayor, Cr Nathan Conroy: I actually forgot to write a speech for this one, so apologies. Look all I can say is now, Deputy Mayor, we worked together extremely well and very close over the last 12 months. You'll be a support for me over the next year, I look forward to meeting you. You had some bees in your bonnet and you got them done, no matter how you went about it, you got them done. It's an exciting year ahead, there's so much to do. We are going into State and Federal elections. We need you on your top form, I look forward to seeing what happens. So, thank you Cr Tayler.

Cr Kris Bolam: Madam Deputy Mayor congratulations. I was at a ceremony today for the opening of the Downs Estate precinct and a lady pulled me up and asked who was going to be the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and I mentioned the way it was going to go and the lady actually said to me, oh poor Suzette she's been through so much over the years. And I did a bit of a google this afternoon and, you know you've been through a lot but there's nothing I like more in a person, it's a fighter. And you're an absolute fighter. The stuff that you've been through over the years has been a lot but, here you are, standing tall and I think if not your fellow Councillors, your family are very proud of you and you've prevailed and you're now our Deputy Mayor, so take that fighter instinct into next year. We're going to need you to fight for us with the State and Federal elections on the horizon and I know our Mayor is going to need every bit of your support. So, congratulations and good luck.

Cr Claire Harvey: Congratulations Madam Deputy Mayor on this appointment. I know Frankston is incredibly dear to your heart and that is so evident and I know that you will draw deep upon all your experience and wisdom and that tenacity and your passion in this coming year and I'm really looking forward to seeing you serve in this role but also seeing you as a Mayor/Deputy Mayor duo. I think you're going to be a really powerful team. Congratulations again.

Cr Brad Hill: Congratulations Suzette, I know this is something you've really looked forward to and I have no doubts at all you'll do a terrific job and be very supportive of Nathan and the rest of the Council. So, I look forward to again the next 12 months. Well done.

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Cr David Asker: Congratulations Suzette. I've gotten to know you very, very well over the last 12 months and I'm just gobsmacked with what you've achieved this year. I look forward to seeing you grow in this role and thank you for supporting me also over the last 12 months. God bless you and all the very, very best for your new found role.

Cr Sue Baker: Yes, congratulations Madam Deputy Mayor. That's got a nice ring to it, hasn't it? Looks, really really great to see you in this role. Congratulations. I think the very first time I spoke to you I was touched by the depth of passion that you have for this community and this is a fourth term, you keep coming back, you keep doing more and, this year in particular, I think you have kicked a lot of goals for the community, so that's been really great to see and great to see how you operate and how you manage to achieve those things so I'm really looking forward to seeing more from you with all that depth of experience for the community over the next 12 months and I know you two are a great tag team, so looking forward to seeing how that plays out too. So well done.

Cr Liam Hughes: What impressed me throughout this first year was you have one hell of a back bone. If you view something and you want something done, you will not change and I really respect that about you and I'm happy that you got this position and I look forward to working with you through the coming year.

Cr Steven Hughes: Agree with Liam, you're definitely a fighter and congratulations.

Chief Executive Officer, Mr Phil Cantillon: It's wonderful to achieve this role as Deputy Mayor, congratulations on behalf of the organisation. You are a true advocate from Frankston, I can't think of a better way to express it. You have a deep passion for really achieving some wonderful things. You've brought to the Council plan some great ideas, and I think, as they're realised over the Council term, I think it'll be a real legacy for the Frankston community. Well done again, and we're looking forward to working with you over the next 12 months and all our best.

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

(TC Chief Financial Office)

Recommendation (Chief Financial Officer)

That Council:

1. Prepares a letter under seal for Cr Kris Bolam in recognition of his service to the Frankston Community during the previous term; and
2. Presents the letter under seal for Cr Kris Bolam at a briefing in December 2021.

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Hill

Seconded: Councillor Tayler

That Council:

1. Prepares a letter under seal for Cr Kris Bolam in recognition of his service to the Frankston Community during the previous term; and
2. Presents the letter under seal for Cr Kris Bolam at a Council Meeting in December 2021.

Carried Unanimously

Cr Brad Hill: I'd just like to say, I think all the other councillors will agree with me that Kris has done a terrific job, he's been very engaging, he's been very collegiate, he's been available, he's listened. I've contacted Kris a number of times throughout this year on all kinds of issues and he's always stood up and done the job well and promptly so I'd like to congratulate him on a terrific job in the last year and I look forward to working with him also in the next three.

Deputy Mayor, Cr Suzette Tayler: Thank you Mr Mayor. I met you Cr Kris Bolam in your last year of high school when I was a Councillor in 2004 in fact. You asked me if I could write you a reference and I did, I did. Even then you were a young man on the move we could all see that. But I never expected you would be the Mayor in Frankston, in the same council as myself in 2021. I can say honestly you have been an outstanding Mayor you have shown leadership and direction in the role as Mayor. The council has been very proactive in the last 12 months under your leadership and we have only just begun. With the great initiatives to bring about change for our community. Thank you for your dedication as mayor and I look forward to continuing the journey.

Cr Claire Harvey: Through you Mr Mayor, congratulations to this new season and well done on a wonderful year. I've really appreciated the opportunity to get to know you and have admired your proactive, energetic, hardworking approach and your clear ambition for Frankston city and its people. You brought continuity, experience and stability to a completely new team of Councillors, which I think is an unenviable job in a way and you did remarkably well. I've appreciated your concern too for our wellbeing, it's been a challenging year for everyone but also a challenging season to step into a new role as Councillor for the five newbies. And also your attentiveness to the issues that we're most passionate about that you took time to hear us and learn why we were here and what matters most to us. So I certainly wish you well in this new season and I hope that it includes lots of rest, at least for a day or a week... maybe a month. You've earned it. Well done.

Cr David Asker: Through you Mr Mayor, Kris it's been an absolute pleasure in having you as Mayor. You have guided this Council through its infancy to the present day with utmost respect and professionalism. It's probably worth noting however, the first time that you were

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Mayor, you guided this council through a GFC, the second time you were Mayor, you guided this council through the global pandemic. I was going to say something like I look forward to seeing you in the robes again but I'm not actually sure about that. You don't watch the walking dead do you, I'm not sure... I wish you all the very best I your new found role shall we say in the cross benches from where we are now. And thank you for once again being my friend over the last, well for many, many years. Good luck to you.

Cr Sue Baker: Through you Mr Mayor, Kris it's been an outstanding year. As Councillor Harvey mentioned with the new team coming in, it's been an extraordinary journey for all of us. With the pandemic and all the other things that have been going on in the municipality. Your leadership, guidance, listening, direction. Your firm hand and honest approach in-between getting things but giving time and space for things to be discussed and listened too. So that's always a tricky balance but I think you've done an outstanding job in doing that and I personally have benefited a lot from you being in that chair and I hopefully from you being that chair. Looking forward to working with you over the next 3 years. Thanks Kris.

Chief Executive Officer, Mr Phil Cantillon: Thank you Mr Mayor, it's an incredible change over. On behalf of the organisation I just want to thank you for all your leadership, incredible energy and undaunting amount of enthusiasm. It comes from the deepest wells in terms of you know what you've wanted to achieve for the community. I look back over the last 12 months and it really is an incredible record and you've been a key driver behind all of that and you would have to be incredibly proud for what you've achieved over these last 12 months. I think something that resonates with me is the strong focus that you've had on building positive relations you know with the community, key stakeholders and members of parliament. I think the highlight from me was all the advocacy efforts and all that was done on the trips to Canberra and other places in terms of achieving great outcomes and I think it's been an incredible record when actually look at what we've achieved as a council and when you look at everything that's rolled out these last 12 months. Through that time it's been great working with you but it's time for that well-earned rest and I hope you do. It's going to be hard to switch off but all the best, great working with you and thank you for all that you've done on behalf of the organisation.

Cr Kris Bolam: Thank you and I know those waiting, want to get photos with the new Mayor and eat food so I won't be too long. But thank you very much for allowing me this opportunity.

I guess you can say that I've lead with resolve over the last year and that resolve has been in the immortal words of Elvis Presley "a little less conversation, and a little more action" and I think we as a Council have absolutely achieved that. When I look at what we've achieved as a group in the last year for a first term first year Council, I'm really astounded and it exceeded my expectations coming in.

It's a great start, but as the Mayor said, there's so much more to do and we have momentum on our side. But what's important is that we continue to feed that momentum, otherwise you'd lose it. I've been on Councils where we've lost momentum, so I encourage all Councillors to continue on this journey.

I just want to take this opportunity, and again I know people want to get to the festivities, but I just want to briefly touch upon what this Council has achieved in its first year. And they're not my achievements they're the Council's achievements and I think that's worth stating first and foremost. And when I say Council, not only do I say Councillors, I mean the organisation as well.

So, I'll start off with major developments, we approved the Bayside Development which is \$240 million worth of local investment, we approved the Paget Road upgrade which is \$86 million worth of investment, we approved the Sandara Estate, which is \$47 million worth of investment, we approved Playne Street which is \$30 million worth of investment, although it was already approved we helped Karingal Hub get over its last planning hurdles which was for a \$160 million development. We also did the same with Horizon, their permit was approved but they were having issues with the permit process and we helped them lay the sod turning for an \$82 million development. And likewise with the Frankston Chisholm

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redevelopment, we also helped approved a number of their permits as well, which allows a \$50 million development to proceed. That's just development.

We then move onto international collaboration and Frankston entered into a Sister City Relations with the Republic of Fiji and that was effectuated a week ago. And we also drove a humanitarian effort of more than \$20,000 to assist Fiji who was, that is, doing it difficult with COVID. Following that we also entered, as of today into a Friendship City relationship with Tenby, Wales the United Kingdom and that has been after 12 years of conversation and efforts.

We then move on to our domestic agenda and the Mayor spoke about some of these items. We rescinded the expensive and ill-founded weed kill ban but voted to keep safe practises around parks and playgrounds. The Council abandoned the obtrusive Heritage Review process and instead almost doubled heritage grants. The Council voted to retain Green Wedge land but supported an extensive future study of existing and other available industrial land sites. Council voted to overturn a twenty year ban on dogs in our CBD and dogs on our foreshore and we also increased obedience training from a 10% rebate to a 50% rebate.

Council adopted its long awaiting Reconciliation Action Plan and also resolved who the indigenous custodians of our land are. Council gave the Frankston Coastguard a permanent home and also put a formal funding contribution on the table for a new boat facility. Council gave in-principal support to transform the St Kilda Football Club site and, very shortly, a report will come back on a final decision on that matter.

Council created new committees and networks including the Foreshore Advisory Committee, the Reconciliation Action Reference Committee, the sports Advisory Committee, the Tourism Committee, and also a number of networks from Women's Equity to diversity and rights.

In terms of internal reforms, Council approved a new Procurement Policy, which gives increased weighing to local businesses and environmentally friendly businesses. The Council approved a new Code of Conduct and Communications Policy that has greater emphasis on Councillor behaviour concerning social media. Council approved a new Meeting Local Law procedure that now streamlines procedural fairness. Council approved a Customer Service Charter which explains staff and council responsibilities to our community.

The Council also continues to deliver 90+% of its Capital Infrastructure Projects on time. Council also resolves over 70% of its planning permits within the statutory period. Council officially concluded its action plan and submitted its final report to the Minister for Local Government concerning the appointment of the Municipal Monitor in 2018. That sad affair is now closed.

Council reduced decisions in Closed Council from the high mark of 30% in 2016 to now just 9% in 2021, which I believe is fabulous. In terms of Governance, Council won a number of State and National industry awards and was a state-wide finalist for the Top Tourism Award. Council achieved its best community satisfaction survey in over 10 years with an 18% increase in public confidence. This now puts us on the metro average, which again, is not a position Frankston City Council has enjoyed in quite some time. Staff satisfaction has also increased from its low mark in 2018.

It's the first time ever that Frankston City Council has had a Mayor on the Victorian Local Ministerial Advisory Panel and, after a 9 year absence, the Frankston City Council again serves on the Municipal Association of Victoria Board.

Councillor Steven Hughes left the meeting at 7:45 pm.

We've seen continued growth and consumer confidence in local real estate, with Frankston consistently identified as a high growth area as recently identified by both Domain and realestate.com.au.

We also lead the way on a number of Victoria wide initiatives including legislative change to hoon driving laws, and boat safety reform and we had a 100% success rate at both the

Municipal Association Victoria State Council and the Australian Local Government Association National Council, all 7 Frankston City Council resolutions passed.

In terms of the budget, Council committed to plant 80,000 new trees by 2024. With the first 20,000 trees being planted this financial year. And I believe that's the highest tree planting operation of any metropolitan council in Australia. I haven't been proven wrong on that but it's something to be very proud of.

Council also voted for a timetable for achieving carbon accreditation two years ahead of schedule. Council provided funding for an establishment of a new private golf learning hub, women's spirit project and Frankston Music Festival. Council provided over \$1 million in assistance to local rate payers by providing a discount voucher with rate notices this year, the first time that we've done that since 1998. Council also voted to increase CCTV network by a quarter, we also voted to prepare concept for the role-out of new suburb signage, which is something that we really need.

Council restored is public art, lighting and sculpture budget that was eradicated in last year's budget and I'm proud that that has been put back into the budget this year because without public art, we have no identity. Council formally made family violence prevention a formal funding line item in this year's and future budgets. Council voted for a new major event for our city, the South Side Festival with three years of funding provided.

In terms of opening, Council implemented the new Frankston, building Frankston's future brand that will better inform the public of what we're doing in terms of infrastructure projects. This year we spent over \$60 million on infrastructure works on all parts of the municipality. And for instance the \$35 million Jubilee Park redevelopment that we recently put shovel to ground on. There's a lot more infrastructure works but I'm not going to go through them.

But I will conclude with what we've done in terms of COVID and advocacy. In terms of COVID, Council voted to provide funding to the Peninsula Legal Centre to enable legal and tenancy support to residents during the height of COVID. Council also voted to waive a number of fees and charges including those to sporting clubs and to community centres. Council voted to implement night time economy activation grants, which the Mayor lead to help attract people to our town centres.

The Council voted to initiate a buy local campaign, which will entice people to shop and eat locally. The Council voted to create a new business chambers which the Deputy Mayor lead the way on, which will help upskill business' and the Council also voted for a soon-to-be unveiled tourism campaign to attract visitors and businesses to Frankston.

Councillor Baker and Councillor Harvey were also instrumental in pushing for mental health to form part of our COVID package and I'm looking forward to shortly mental health workshops being rolled out to both business owners and to also residents. We also had the job seeker alliance formed which is tasked with working with other job providers to make sure that those seeking work can gain and we also continue to provide low income rebate for those struggling with employment in these COVID times. We also endorsed a Frankston zero strategic initiative to eliminate rough sleeping in Frankston by 2023.

And finally, advocacy. The CEO touched on it in his remarks but Frankston City Council has increased its State and Federal funding by 33% alone in the last year and we've been able to do that through forming partnerships with both the State and Federal Governments. I remember a time in the previous Council where we couldn't even get an invitation or an audience with State and Federal MP's. The relationship was that retrograde we were on the nose and this Council, in the space of 12 months, has not only restored those relationships but actually got money out of it, so I think that's fantastic and it really bode well for the job you're going to do Mr Mayor and Madam Deputy Mayor in the coming year.

You have new relationships formed, and you have an amazing advocacy team behind you that's going to help us get the most out of Frankston. Cr Hill was very instrumental in ensuring that any advocacy campaign had the full blessing and the full scoping, blessing of

the community and the scoping of all major projects and I think we've managed to do that this year. We've got a very formidable advocacy campaign going into next year.

And what we have managed to do this year is, we've managed to get a road map for roadworks that are due to be done from Ballarto Road, Hall Road, and we've also managed to achieve fantastic outcome with car parking at the Frankston railway station and, dare I say in a few weeks, I hope we will get the \$22 million in funding for the Kananook car parking budget request that we've put in. So fingers crossed, although I don't think I'm very confident that we will succeed in getting that.

So that's enough from me, I represent the past of Frankston City Council, it's time for the future, for new blood and new ideas and I'll do my bit behind the scenes to help Nathan, Suzette and the entire Council going into the 21st century with the exuberance and the motivation it needs and I'm sure we'll succeed upon.

Councillor Steven Hughes returned to the chamber at 7:51 pm.

Just one more thing, Mr Mayor, got you Canberra wine because I believe one day you'll be going to Canberra. Councillor Tayler, I don't know if you're going to Canberra, but I got you Canberra wine as well. Mr CEO, I don't know if this is good wine or not, but the name of the wine is Wild Fire and you and I created a few wild fires this year, so that's for you. And last but not least, Tameeka you've been amazing as my EA and you're going to be just as amazing to Nathan and you don't drink so I got you a candle. Thank you.

4.4 Recognition and Appreciation of services given to the Community by the Deputy Mayor for Previous Term

(TC Chief Financial Office)

Recommendation (Chief Financial Officer)

That Council:

1. Prepares a letter under seal for Cr Nathan Conroy in recognition of his service to the Frankston Community during the previous term; and
2. Presents the letter under seal for Cr Nathan Conroy at a briefing in December 2021.

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Bolam

Seconded: Councillor Harvey

That Council:

1. Prepares a letter under seal for Cr Nathan Conroy in recognition of his service to the Frankston Community during the previous term; and
2. Presents the letter under seal for Cr Nathan Conroy at a Council Meeting in December 2021.

Carried Unanimously

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4.5 Delegates to External Organisations and Internal Committees for 2022

(TC Chief Financial Office)

Recommendation (Chief Financial Officer)

That Council:

- A. Notes the following appointments to external organisations to be made:
1. Cr XX and an officer be appointed as the delegates to the Association of Bayside Municipalities.
 2. Cr XX and Cr XX be appointed as the delegates to the Australian Local Government Women's Association.
 3. The Mayor and Cr XX be appointed as the delegates to the Frankston Charitable Fund Committee of Management.
 4. The Mayor be appointed as the delegate to the Frankston Revitalisation Board, as required.
 5. Cr XX and an officer be appointed as the delegates to the Metropolitan Local Government's Waste Forum.
 6. The Mayor be appointed as the delegate to the Municipal Association of Victoria and Cr XX be appointed as the substitute delegate.
 7. The Mayor, Cr XX and Cr XX be nominated as Council's representatives at the National General Assembly 2021.
 8. The Mayor be nominated as Council's representative to the Peninsula Leisure Pty Ltd Board.
 9. The Mayor and Cr XX be appointed as the delegate to the South East Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCA).
 10. The Mayor be appointed as the delegate to the Greater South East Melbourne Group.
 11. Cr XX be appointed as the delegate to the Western Port Biosphere Reserve Foundation Ltd.
 12. Cr XX and Cr XX be appointed as the delegates to the Youth Advisory Council.
- B. Notes the following appointments to internal committees to be made:
1. The Mayor, Cr XX and Cr XX be appointed as the delegate to the Advocacy Sub-Committee.
 2. The Mayor and Cr XX be appointed as delegates to the Audit and Risk Committee.
 3. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Cr XX and Cr XX be appointed as the delegates to the Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review Committee.
 4. Cr XX and Cr XX be appointed as the delegates to the Community Grants Committee of Management.
 5. Cr XX and Cr XX be appointed as the delegates to the Disability Access and Inclusion Committee (DAIC).
 6. Cr XX and Cr XX be appointed as the delegates, and Cr XX as the substitute delegate to the Frankston Arts Advisory Committee.
 7. The Mayor, Cr XX and Cr XX be appointed as the delegates to the Frankston Cemetery Trust Committee.

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8. The Mayor, Cr XX and Cr XX be appointed as the delegates to the Frankston City News Committee.
 9. Cr XX and Cr XX be appointed as delegates to the Kananook Creek Governance Group Committee.
 10. Cr XX and Cr XX be appointed as the delegates to the Major Community Events Grants.
 11. The Mayor and Cr XX be appointed as delegates to the Miscellaneous Grants Program Committee.
 12. Cr XX and Cr XX be appointed as the delegates to the Sport & Recreation Advisory Committee.
 13. Cr XX and Cr XX be appointed as the delegates to the Tourism Advisory Committee.
 14. Cr XX and Cr XX be appointed as the delegates to the Foreshore Advisory Committee.
 15. Cr XX and Cr XX be appointed as the delegates to the Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee.
- C. That as far as practicable and after negotiation with the Councillor or Councillors involved, the meeting times and dates for Committees, where a Councillor or Councillors are delegates, be arranged having regard to the availability of all participants including Councillor(s).
- D. Notes the following changes to Internal Committees:
1. Sports Liaison Committee has been renamed to Sport & Recreation Advisory Committee.
- E. Notes the following Committees are new Committees
1. Foreshore Advisory Committee
 2. Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee
- F. Notes the following Committee no longer requires a Councillor delegate and has been disbanded:
1. Belvedere Reserve Negotiation Committee

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Hill

Seconded: Councillor Tayler

That Council:

- A. Notes the following appointments to external organisations to be made:
1. Cr K Bolam and an officer be appointed as the delegates to the Association of Bayside Municipalities.
 2. Cr S Baker and Cr C Harvey be appointed as the delegates to the Australian Local Government Women's Association.
 3. The Mayor and Cr S Tayler be appointed as the delegates to the Frankston Charitable Fund Committee of Management.
 4. The Mayor be appointed as the delegate to the Frankston Revitalisation Board, as required.
 5. Cr C Harvey and an officer be appointed as the delegates to the Metropolitan Local Government's Waste Forum.

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6. The Mayor be appointed as the delegate to the Municipal Association of Victoria and Cr Tayler be appointed as the substitute delegate.
 7. The Mayor be nominated as Council's representative at the National General Assembly 2022.
 8. The Mayor be nominated as Council's representative to the Peninsula Leisure Pty Ltd Board.
 9. The Mayor and Cr C Harvey be appointed as the delegate to the South East Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCA).
 10. The Mayor be appointed as the delegate to the Greater South East Melbourne Group.
 11. Cr L Hughes and Cr B Hill be appointed as the delegates to the Youth Advisory Council.
- B. Notes the following appointments to internal committees to be made:
1. The Mayor, Cr S Tayler, Cr K Bolam and Cr B Hill be appointed as the delegate to the Advocacy Sub-Committee.
 2. The Mayor and Cr C Harvey be appointed as delegates to the Audit and Risk Committee.
 3. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Cr K Bolam and Cr S Baker be appointed as the delegates to the Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review Committee.
 4. Cr B Hill and Cr S Baker be appointed as the delegates to the Community Grants Committee of Management.
 5. Cr S Baker be appointed as the delegates to the Disability Access and Inclusion Committee (DAIC).
 6. Cr D Asker and Cr K Bolam be appointed as the delegates, and Cr L Hughes as the substitute delegate to the Frankston Arts Advisory Committee.
 7. The Mayor, Cr K Bolam and Cr D Asker be appointed as the delegates to the Frankston Cemetery Trust Committee.
 8. Cr S Baker and Cr B Hill be appointed as delegates to the Kananook Creek Governance Group Committee.
 9. Cr S Tayler and Cr L Hughes be appointed as the delegates to the Major Community Events Grants.
 10. The Mayor and Cr K Bolam be appointed as delegates to the Miscellaneous Grants Program Committee.
 11. The Mayor and Cr L Hughes be appointed as the delegates to the Sport & Recreation Advisory Committee.
 12. The Mayor, Cr S Tayler and Cr D Asker be appointed as the delegates to the Tourism Advisory Committee.
 13. Cr B Hill and Cr S Tayler be appointed as the delegates to the Foreshore Advisory Committee.
 14. Cr K Bolam and Cr S Baker be appointed as the delegates to the Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee.
 15. Cr K Bolam and Cr B Hill be appointed as the delegates to the Belvedere Reserve Negotiation Committee.
- C. That as far as practicable and after negotiation with the Councillor or Councillors involved, the meeting times and dates for Committees, where a Councillor or

Councillors are delegates, be arranged having regard to the availability of all participants including Councillor(s).

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- F. Notes the following Committee no longer requires a Councillor delegate:
1. Frankston City News Committee

Carried Unanimously

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4.6 Adoption of Council Meeting Dates for 2022

(TC Chief Financial Office)

Recommendation (Chief Financial Officer)

That Council:

1. Sets the following meeting dates for 2022:
 - Monday 31 January 2022
 - Monday 21 February 2022
 - Tuesday 15 March 2022
 - Monday 4 April 2022
 - Tuesday 26 April 2022
 - Monday 16 May 2022
 - Monday 6 June 2022
 - Monday 4 July 2022
 - Monday 25 July 2022
 - Monday 15 August 2022
 - Monday 5 September 2022
 - Monday 26 September 2022
 - Monday 24 October 2022
 - Thursday 17 November 2022 (Meeting to elect Mayor and related business)
 - Monday 21 November 2022
 - Monday 12 December 2022
2. Notes both planning and general matters will continue to be presented for Council's consideration at the three-weekly Council meetings;
3. Notes the meetings will be held at the 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, be advertised by way of public notice and on Council's website.

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Bolam

Seconded: Councillor Harvey

That Council:

1. Sets the following meeting dates for 2022:
 - Monday 31 January 2022
 - Monday 21 February 2022
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- Monday 6 June 2022
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Carried Unanimously

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5. LATE REPORTS

Nil

6. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

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7. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil Reports

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Signed by the CEO

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The meeting was closed to the public at 7.59 pm

CONFIRMED THIS

6th

DAY OF

December

2021



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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 Thursday, 18 November 2021, confirmed on Monday 6 December 2021.



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(Cr. Nathan Conroy, Chairperson – Council Meeting)

Dated this

6th

day of

December

2021

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