



**MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE FRANKSTON CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE FRANKSTON ARTS CENTRE, DAVEY STREET, FRANKSTON
ON 16 NOVEMBER 2020 at 7.00PM**

PRESENT	Cr. Nathan Conroy Cr. David Asker Cr. Suzette Tayler Cr. Steven Hughes Cr. Kris Bolam Cr. Sue Baker Cr. Brad Hill Cr. Claire Harvey Cr. Liam Hughes
APOLOGIES:	Nil.
ABSENT:	Nil.
OFFICERS:	Mr. Phil Cantillon, Chief Executive Officer Ms. Kim Jaensch, Chief Financial Officer Ms. Michelle Tipton, Coordinator Governance Mr. Taylor McVean, Coordinator Communications Ms. Tenille Craig, Councillor Support Officer Mr. Mark Calleja, Communications Officer - Visual Media Mr. Damian Clarkson, Supervising Technician Mr. Glenn Parry, Supervising Technician
EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES:	Dan Thorne (Orange Elephant Productions) James Bertschik (Orange Elephant Productions).

The Chief Executive Officer, Mr Phil Cantillon, read the following statement:

This meeting is being live streamed for public viewing in accordance with section 66(3) of the Local Government Act 2020. In the event Council encounters technical issues with the streaming, the meeting will be adjourned for up to 30 minutes until the matter is resolved. If the matter cannot be resolved, the meeting will be postponed to another evening.

PRAYER

The Chief Executive Officer, Mr Phil Cantillon, read the Opening Prayer.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The Chief Executive Officer, Mr Phil Cantillon, acknowledged the Boon Wurrung and Bunurong peoples – the traditional custodians of the land on which we stand and recognised all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who have given to Australia's identity – from the past, into the present and for the future.

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1. APOLOGIES

Nil

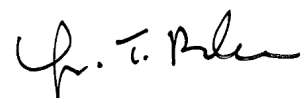
2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST AND DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

3. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD

Nil

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4. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF OFFICERS**4.1 Oath of Office and Councillor Code of Conduct Declarations**

(BA Chief Financial Office)

Cr David Asker took the Oath of Office by stating the words and signing and dating the Oath of Office.

Cr David Asker declared that he had read the Councillor Code of Conduct and signed and dated the declaration.

Due to technical issues, the meeting was adjourned at 7.07pm

The meeting resumed at 7.21pm

Cr Sue Baker took the Oath of Office by stating the words and signing and dating the Oath of Office.

Cr Sue Baker declared that she had read the Councillor Code of Conduct and signed and dated the declaration.

Cr Steven Hughes took the Oath of Office by stating the words and signing and dating the Oath of Office.

Cr Steven Hughes declared that he had read the Councillor Code of Conduct and signed and dated the declaration.

Cr Suzette Tayler took the Oath of Office by stating the words and signing and dating the Oath of Office.

Cr Suzette Tayler declared that she had read the Councillor Code of Conduct and signed and dated the declaration.

Due to technical issues, the meeting was adjourned at 7.27pm

The meeting resumed at 7.33pm

Cr Kris Bolam took the Oath of Office by stating the words and signing and dating the Oath of Office.

Cr Kris Bolam declared that he had read the Councillor Code of Conduct and signed and dated the declaration

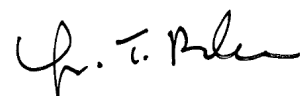
Cr Liam Hughes took the Oath of Office by stating the words and signing and dating the Oath of Office.

Cr Liam Hughes declared that he had read the Councillor Code of Conduct and signed and dated the declaration

Cr Nathan Conroy took the Oath of Office by stating the words and signing and dating the Oath of Office.

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Cr Claire Harvey took the Oath of Office by stating the words and signing and dating the Oath of Office.

Cr Claire Harvey declared that she had read the Councillor Code of Conduct and signed and dated the declaration

Cr Brad Hill took the Oath of Office by stating the words and signing and dating the Oath of Office.

Cr Brad Hill declared that he had read the Councillor Code of Conduct and signed and dated the declaration

The Chief Executive Officer, Mr Phil Cantillon, gave the Councillors the opportunity to address the meeting:

Cr David Asker

It gives me great pride to once again to be in a position of trust by the good people of North East Ward. . I will uphold this position with the upmost respect that would be expected by the role of Councillor. I may have been elected in North East Ward, but I would like to remind everyone here that I am, we are all here Frankston Councillors

I would also like to acknowledge the outgoing Councillors and their dedication to the job, as well as the candidates who weren't elected across all wards. We all lose, but we are all winners for them putting their hands up and daring, daring to make a difference.

For those who were not successful this time, please try again. For those that were successful I look forward to working with you and being very, very mindful of the people in the community who put us here in the first place. I will do my very best to live up to your expectations and I thank you and thank you for your trust.

Cr Sue Baker

I am very much looking forward to working with this brand new team for Frankston City Council, and I am particularly very pleased to be representing the North West Ward.

It is a great honour and a great opportunity to work together with some very talented people, on the Councillor team, the CEO, the Council staff, but most important thing I am looking forward to committing to is working with the people of our community, who are the very heart of everything we do here at Council.

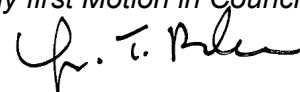
Placing your trust in me to get involved has been quite overwhelming in many respects. And I am very much looking forward to building a high performance organisational culture, looking at developing an inclusive, purposeful community consultation approach, which supports all diversities across the community, and really focusing on delivering some great service. We've got a lot to do, but we've got a lot of support and I am very keen to get started.

I would like to take this opportunity to the thank the CEO and his team for all the work behind the scenes to set us up today. There's been a lot of great thought put into our induction program, preparing a lot of material to ensure we have a fast and solid start in this new role. So thank you everyone.

Cr Steven Hughes

For nearly two decades I have driven under the Beach Street/Frankston Freeway overpass. It's an untidy mess. And after two decades, nothing has changed. Although it may not seem like an significant issue, it is the spark that ignited my desire to run for Council. The overpass is symptomatic of how Frankston has overlooked the small details that impact residents daily lives. To achieve a better Frankston we must first fix the high rates Frankston residents pay. During these uncertain times, it's not right that Frankston residents pay the highest average rates in the region, while having the lowest median house price. My first Motion in Council

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will be to allocate the COVID hardship rates waiver, automatically to all Frankston residents without the need to apply for it. This will give immediate rate relief to all hard-pressed Frankston residents. As your accountant, I will be your financial pit-bull and make sure every dollar is spent wisely for the benefit of Frankston and our community.

I was asked recently what I most loved about Frankston – was it the fantastic beaches? The shops? The art galleries? The amazing nature and walking trails? Yes they are special, but what I most love about Frankston is the super friendly vibe, the way you can go down the street and still say g'day to a total stranger.

As your Councillor, I dedicate the next four years focusing on the potential of Frankston, addressing the important details and providing exceptional customer service to all Frankston residents. Thank you.

Cr Suzette Tayler

Firstly I would like to congratulate all the Councillors sworn in to this Council this evening. I have to say well done to all of you. I would also like to thank all residents who have placed their confidence in me, it is an absolute honour to be elected for a fourth term at Frankston City Council, and as a Councillor for North-East Ward with Cr Nathan Conroy and Cr David Asker.

My commitment to all residents is to listen to our community and work hard to bring about the changes we need to make our city vibrant again. COVID 19 has had a huge impact on our city along with residents and traders. Many who have suffered mentally and financially.

We have a wealth of experience in our diverse team of Councillors elected this evening. I am sure we will work together for the betterment for Frankston City. Thank you.

Cr Kris Bolam

I want to start by thanking the voters on North West ward for once again their confidence and support. I was not expecting once again to get the highest number of primary votes for the ward. But the result is seemingly an endorsement of the way I have represented my constituents over the past four years. Frankston North, Frankston, Karingal and Seaford, I am truly humbled to once again serve. The increase in my vote was gratifying and a lot of that comes down to trust, people having trust in me and my can-do attitude. I don't talk about results, I get results. And I think that narrative has bode well for me and I think it's a lesson for anyone looking to stand for Parliament, looking to stand for Council in the future. You need a record, and if you can have a record, and produce a record, it can do wonders. It will reward you for doing the hard work. I want to thank my family, Darren, Tom and Shirl for their support. I also want to thank close family friends Sandra Harding and Peter Mansel for their support as well. I couldn't have ran the campaign without them. We are due for a catch up and celebration down the track.

I also want to pay respect to outgoing Cr Glenn Aitken, who was my ward colleague and, I've got a lot of time for Glenn, he worked very hard for the Ward, he defended Seaford passionately and it's a real loss losing Glenn. But I am also in the same vein gratified in the election of Cr Sue Baker and Cr Steven Hughes, I think they are very dynamic people and they're going to serve the North West Ward very well, so I welcome them.

The election of the new Council is exciting, particularly for the new Councillors. I don't know if Liam is going to mention it, but the fact that we have the youngest ever, officially tonight, elected Councillor in the city's history is fantastic. It is an age demographic that has traditionally been under-represented, and here you are tonight. There is history being made here tonight, so you should be very, very proud young man, and I'm sure Steven is very proud as well.

For the Councillors that have been on Council before, that have come back as well, welcome back Brad, Suzette and Dave. I've enjoyed working with each of you in the past, except I haven't worked with you, Suzette, I've heard good things. I'm looking forward to working with each and every one of you.

North West Ward has not been ignored. The reason, I think, I was the only incumbent Councillor to return to Council, again comes down to results. The Councillor community survey results show that North West Ward was on the up in terms of public satisfaction, churning out more Councillor Requests than any other ward, more NOMs than any other ward, and we've had a 57% increase in funding since 2016 when I returned to Council. So again, it comes down to results, and I am getting results. My priorities for the next term are many and varied but will focus on infrastructure once again, the Frankston Basketball Stadium rebuild, the Pines Pool upgrade and the completion of stage 1 and stage 2 Ballam Park revitalisation works, and of course good governance as well.

COVID is obviously an important issue and we as Council will deal with COVID, I will talk about that later on. But we also can't lose sight of Frankston's amazing potential and we need to continue to move the city in the right direction, whilst also dealing with COVID.

People are sick and tired of the proxy political battles in the Council Chamber, we all heard that during the election. In a time of crisis and uncertainty, people want to see the best of government, not the worst. A Council that works together constructively to address the problems plaguing our city, in a professional and creative fashion, that's what people want, and that's what deserve and demand.

Thanks again for the trust and confidence that you've put into me as your representative. I intend to roll up my sleeves and get back to work straight away. Thank you

Cr Liam Hughes

Frankston has the potential to be the coolest to live, we've got it all. Whether it be a swimming pool or the beach, great local shops or entertainment complexes, parks or reserves. Frankston is home to everything that makes a community great. It's also home to you, you the people of Frankston. With our down to earth attitude and nature, and our thriving community spirit, Frankston should not be the Gateway to the Mornington Peninsula, it should be the destination

Here is my vision for Frankston, for a better Frankston. Imagine a place full of restaurants, activities and fun. One full of yearlong of things to do for all people, for all walks of life. As a lifelong vegetarian, I'd want to have a vegetarian/vegan festival, I also want more arts, more music festivals to promote Frankston home-grown talent. What about a weather proof skate park for all to enjoy, yes please. And let's get the motocross track up and running safely. Let's make Frankston cool.

As the youngest Councillor in Frankston Council's history, I'm here to give a voice to everyone, especially the youth who need to be heard. But some of you may ask, how are we going to pay for all of this? I am going to stop waste in Council. I'll be your financial hawk flying high above the reports and making sure that we aren't wasting money on any unnecessary things, and instead it is being spent on the people and places that make our community great.

Thank you to all the people who voted for me. To all the people who rallied for change and to all of Frankston, I am here for you. Thank you.

Cr Nathan Conroy

Firstly I would like to thank the CEO. I would like to thank and congratulate each and every Councillor here on their individual election. I would like to congratulate all the candidates who put up their hand over the last couple of months, because we all know that is very daunting and hard experience, so I congratulate them. I would also like to thank the former Councillors who didn't get re-elected, for their contribution to the city.

On a personal note, I would like to thank my partner, Stephy. What we've done together, I have to give her credit, for the IT, social media etc for the past six months, I probably wouldn't be here if it wasn't for her help. I am blown away by my primary result, we achieved over 8000 votes and this, in my opinion, is a clear mandate for change within this Council.

I did campaign on a number of issues and I intend to work with the CEO, his officers, my fellow Councillors to work towards making these happen. I will be putting families first over the next four years and advocating for infrastructure that is required in Carrum Downs, Langwarrin, Sandhurst and Skye is my priority. I will speak to existing and new entrepreneurs to find out what is required for our local economy to thrive, to create the variety of businesses that is required in our diverse community.

And finally, I am overwhelmed by the overall support and trust that was given to me. I will work each day to repay that trust. Thank you.

Cr Claire Harvey

I would like to start by thanking the constituents of South Ward for their incredibly strong participation in these recent Council elections. Thank you for caring about leadership and governance in our city, and for electing me to serve as a part of this new Council.

I congratulate my fellow Councillors on their election, particularly Brad Hill and Liam Hughes in South Ward. I would also like to acknowledge and thank all the other candidates who demonstrated courage and commitment in running for election this year. I would like to express particular appreciation to Jay Johnstone, in North East Ward, and Gabriel Norris, in North West Ward, who collaborated with me in our Reimagining Frankston campaign. I would not have done this without your encouragement and friendship. I do also want to acknowledge those who considered running for election but who ultimately chose not to during this particularly challenging COVID year. That was very nearly me: hold on to your vision and passion, and soon you can start planning your campaign for 2024.

I would also like to thank those who provided significant encouragement and support to me during the campaign season, especially those who helped to spread the word in their own networks in place of flyers and posters. There are lots of you, and together you made a wonderfully effective team. I cannot thank you enough for the strong vote of confidence that this represents as I step into this new role. I commit to holding true to the values I consistently affirmed during our campaign, putting people and planet first, working to strengthen civic engagement and democratic participation, and to working hard to ensure that our most vulnerable community members are not left behind as we move forward to write an exciting new chapter together.

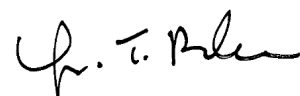
I am grateful for this opportunity to work alongside so many others for the good of Frankston City. It's a privilege that I will not take for granted. I am genuinely looking forward to learning more about my local community; to hearing about your hopes and your concerns; and to serving with diligence, honesty and optimism over the coming four years. Thank you.

Cr Brad Hill

Tonight we are privileged to be sworn in as a Frankston Councillor. I have a lot of people to thank. There's too many to mention, but I'd like to thank for the help from my family, kids, my partner, Jenny, from the other candidates from South Ward and other candidates from the municipality. Particularly Steven McDonald, Peter Malone, we spent a lot of time working out what we want to do in talking about what we wanted to achieve as Councillors and it is unfortunate that they're not here tonight as they weren't elected. I know they would have performed very well. Other people helped me, letterbox, there's a lot of work there to get the message out. But most all, I would like to thank the people of South Ward who did vote for me, in large numbers, who clearly voted for change, message received, I won't let you down.

I look forward to a cohesive group of Councillors and a collaborative approach. We can only succeed if we work together, by listening to each other and respecting each other's views, we are a Council, we are not a group of individuals, we can only achieve when we work together in the Council Chamber via our votes. Residents and rate payers clearly want to an improvement in the performance of the Council, we have an opportunity to do that, we have an opportunity to raise the bar higher and show that we are able to do just that. I have no reason to believe we won't, that we won't work together and perform and achieve as locals expect. Thanks very much.

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4.2 Election of Mayor*(BA Chief Financial Office)***Council Decision****Moved: Councillor Tayler****Seconded: Councillor Harvey**

That Council:

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

Carried Unanimously

The newly elected Mayor, Cr Kris Bolam, addressed the Councillors:

It's been 10 years since I have worn this. Here I am 10 years on. Councillors, thank you for the resounding support, I really do appreciate it. To the public, I am thrilled to be back in this position again. Leadership, in any organisation, is so important, it really does set the pace and the culture of an organisation. For a new council, at the beginning of its four year journey, the selection of Mayor is a critical decision and I commend you all for having the faith in me for discharging the Mayoral duties and how I intend to approach the Mayoralty in year one.

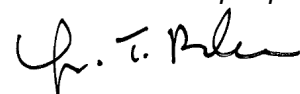
Given how contested the past five Mayoral elections have been in Frankston, particularly the last one where the Mayor was not chosen by competence but rather by mere chance, tonight's unanimous vote is indeed refreshing and a testament to your commitment to moving Frankston forward and leaving behind the baggage. It really does expel all the negativity of the past few terms of Council.

My first tenure as Mayor was, as I said, ten years ago. A lot was different then, social media was still in its infant stages and we were in recovery from what was a global driven economic financial crisis. I was content with the single term that I had served as the city's mayor, as it was productive and a lot was achieved. I felt I had nothing else to offer, and that part of my life I thought, at the time, was done. However, here I am again, ten years later, as your Mayor. Much has changed, once again, and we have seen an enormous amount of change in technology and how people communicate. We have also seen, yet again, another global struggle that truly knows no borders.

So why have I returned to the Mayoralty? Simply put, because it's the right thing to do. We have a new energised group of excitable Councillors who are ready and primed to take the city forward. The upside is amazing. A council with the potential and the promise of focusing on good outcomes and unlocking the city's great untapped potential. The downside is standalone. The new Council lacks a stable and able hand to lead it forward to realise these upsides in year one.

What I heard from Councillors prior to tonight's vote is that they require a Mayor who will hit the ground running on day one and will get to work with them to build a healthy culture of progress. While I appreciate their selection, the Mayoralty is not so much about the person occupying the role. I firmly see the office of the Mayor as an institution. To be the civic leader. To be an impartial umpire. To be the conduit between the local council and the greater public. This is where I see my role as Mayor. Treating it less as a 'plaything' and returning it to what should always have been, an institution. I am committed to working with and ensuring, the bureaucracy of Frankston City Council is responsive and accountable to the public. Like the new Council, we are seeing an injection of new blood and new ideas throughout the bureaucracy under Phil's leadership and I am very excited about what future plans lie ahead internally for the organisation. We have seen the best and worst of people

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during the COVID crisis and I confidently say tonight we have seen the very best of your staff, Phil. The way they have responded to COVID has been amazing and I think any staff member of this organisation should be proud to be a Frankston City Council employee. You've got my complete faith and confidence, you and the organisation, but at the same time, I will also be watching from afar, or maybe not so far, that the organisation is responding to the wishes of the public. But I've got to say, your organisation has done a great job during COVID.

I am also committed to working with the new Councillors to get them upskilled and competent in year one. It actually came out today, but I'm also committed to working with our local politicians to get positive outcomes for our city. Working with our local politicians is so important. The public wants, they're crying out for, bipartisanship. They want to see levels of government working together constructively to deal with the issues of the day, particularly in these times of COVID. Compared to our neighbouring municipalities, Frankston is on the bottom of the barrel when it comes to state and federal funding. This funding trajectory has to change and I do see the inflection point fast approaching.

I extend to our local politicians, a 'can do' attitude to achieve like-minded results. This relationship, however, is also predicated on respect. So when a decision is made that may not be beneficial to the city, count on me to respectfully offer a difference of opinion. Sometimes this will be in public, sometimes it will be in private. However, when we do disagree, we can disagree without the unnecessary hyperbolic theatrics that we've seen in the past. Ultimately it's about having a respectful but frank dialogue, and I'm confident we can do that.

At the moment there is something of a renaissance going on in Frankston. We are seeing an unprecedented number of infrastructure projects in the pipeline for construction, a total of \$35million to be precise. These new infrastructure projects, ranging from sporting pavilions to public parks, will create many employment opportunities in the construction industry and modernise parts of the municipality that should've been modernised decades ago. This is something to be very proud of as Councillors and I can't wait to see cranes in the sky for these new facilities and public spaces.

My only advice to Councillors, the new ones in particular, is to not be afraid to have a difference of opinion. It's actually the easy part of governing. The real work is to work together behind the scenes to find common ground and to create policy and or positions that endeavour to blend all views. We should never focus on absolutes in politics or life, no one ever gets everything they want. But if we focus on blended, grafted outcomes where no one is locked out of the decision-making process, I believe we have more potential to achieve more together. In saying this, again, never be afraid of going issues or passion projects alone. As historian, Howard Zimmer, once said "Dissent is the greatest form of patriotism". I tend to agree, we all come to Council with ideas and approaches on governing. Bipartisanship is reliant on pragmatism, and I think we can all agree, more pragmatism, instead of political dogma, in this present world is probably a good thing.

My only other piece of advice to Councillors is to be very mindful of the groups and specialist interests out there that will approach you over the next four years. While most of these groups are benign and seeking to improve the area, look no further than next door, the former democratically elected City of Casey. The failure of Councillors to heed governance warnings about the creeping intrusion of special interests in Council affairs should be a cautionary tale for each of us. Be honest about your dealings with groups and special interests, be they political or financial.

Finally, the global pandemic, COVID-19. I know people are hurting right now, and I hate to be a pessimist, but I don't see it getting any better for at least the next two years. We are currently contending with the health implications of the pandemic. Soon the economic consequences will be more visible. Our local, state and federal governments are providing an enormous amount of financial assistance at present. This assistance is much appreciated, but soon even this support will be challenged.

We as a Council must also draw a line in the sand and delineate what is a core essential service of Council. This will be required as there will be challenges on us as well due to the ongoing financial stress to the state and federal governments by virtue of these present programs. At heart I am an optimist and I do see exciting opportunities on the horizon. I am confident that Council will be ready to respond to both the opportunities and the challenges.

There are times in history where governments have stepped up and risen to the occasion. This pandemic situation is one of those occasions. Rest assured, council will indeed step up and rise to the occasion. You can go to sleep tonight knowing the city is in good hands. We, the Councillors and staff of Frankston city Council, won't let you down. Thank you all for both the privilege and responsibility. I won't let you down.

Messages of congratulations were provided to the Mayor by the fellow Councillors:

Cr Suzette Tayler

Congratulations Cr Bolam, being elected to Mayor. I am sure you will fulfil the role well and I am looking forward to working with you and the team. You have proven your commitment to the community as a past North West Councillor and previous mayor. I do wish you well during your term.

Cr Steven Hughes

Congratulations Kris. I have known you probably three weeks now, it's been a fun ride. In that three weeks, you've been a very decent fellow, you've been very open and honest and I appreciate that. I am looking forward to working with you and bringing rates down to Frankston rate payers.

Cr Sue Baker

Thank you Mr Mayor and to echo the congratulations. It's good this afternoon that we had really robust debates already as a team, I think that was important for us as a new group to share a range of thoughts and feelings and for it all to be taken on in the spirit it was intended as a new team who really want to step up and show a very different face to the Frankston community. With the vast experience you have already of both this role and of Councillor, I'm looking forward to seeing you put that into practice and to go measure for all of us as a team, but also the CEO and his team and the community. I think were up for a fun and busy four years, and certainly this first year to set the bar.

Cr David Asker

Congratulations Kris. I have worked with you before as a Mayor and I am very, very impressed with your performance in the past, particularly the way you have engaged with your fellow Councillors. You have always treated me/us as equals and I look forward to working with you again. Congratulations.

Cr Brad Hill

Thank you Mr Mayor. I am conscious all people at home on livestream, half an hour of Councillors congratulating each other, so I will keep it short. Congratulations on your appointment, well done, you have a lot of people behind you. We hear to support each other, that works both ways. I wish you, and therefore the rest of us, every success.

Cr Claire Harvey

Congratulations Cr Bolam. I have admired the energy and passion and dedication you determination you have brought to the process already. I love the way you talk about building a team. I believe you are ready to hit the ground running, and a number of us face particularly steep learning curves. I know you are very mindful of your role in pulling us together as a team and helping us to become as effective as we can in our roles. Congratulations and I look forward working alongside you over the next four years.

Cr Nathan Conroy

Congratulations on your appointment. Very excited to work with you . I met you for the first time three weeks ago, same as Steven. Your energy, your passion for the role, for the Council is very exciting, exciting to be a part of, not only for the next twelve months, but for the next four years. Thank you and congratulations.

Cr Liam Hughes

Congratulations on your new role. I look forward to working with you and everyone as a team. You'll be a good team leader, thank you.

Mr Phil Cantillon, Chief Executive Officer

Firstly I would like to congratulate you on behalf of the organisation. We've worked closely with you in the past and look forward to what we can achieve together. You bring a strong passion and resilience and understanding for the community and I think it's going to be a great outcome for the organisation and community at large. Use the opportunity as an executive, we've thoroughly enjoyed getting to know each of the new councillors. I'm sure the community will see they are in safe hands with this council and we look forward to working alongside of you over the next four years and what we'll achieve together in what, I'm sure, will be a mighty impressive list by the time we get to the end of it.

4.3 Election of Deputy Mayor
(TC Chief Financial Office)**Council Decision****Moved: Councillor Baker****Seconded: Councillor Hill**

That Council:

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

Carried Unanimously

The newly elected Deputy Mayor, Cr Nathan Conroy, addressed the Councillors

First of all I would like to thank everybody. Start off by congratulating Kris again to the appointment of the Mayorship. I am very grateful to become Deputy Mayor in my first term of Council and my first day in office. I look forward to representing this city over the next twelve months as Deputy Mayor.

The Deputy Mayorship is more of a support role for Councillors, but most importantly, the Mayor. I will do everything possible to support our Mayor, Councillors and CEO, not just over the next 12 months but over the next 4 years. Thank you.

Cr Claire Harvey

I'm sure everyone will echo similar sentiments, but I really look forward to the energy and humour and collegiality that you'll bring to the role. I think it's going to be an excellent season for us all. Congratulations.

Cr Brad Hill

Congratulations Cr Conroy. Very pleased to see a newly elected first time Councillor to the role, Well done, thank you.

Cr Liam Hughes

Look forward to working with you, you're a top bloke.

Cr David Asker

Congratulations on becoming Deputy Mayor. You may be the enemy in my ward but I am very pleased that you won also. I look forward to working with you over the next four years. Congratulations.

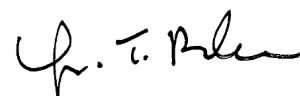
Cr Sue Baker

Congratulations Cr Conroy. I think you did an amazing campaign in your Ward. You certainly got the biggest popular vote out of everyone, so I think it's a real testament to the changes we want to demonstrate to the community in how we represent them that you are going step up and be the Deputy Mayor to Cr Bolam's leadership. Congratulations, I'm looking forward to seeing what you do.

Cr Steven Hughes

Congratulations Deputy Mayor. The reason why you got so many votes in your Ward is the same reason you got a unanimous vote here tonight, you are very popular and look forward to working with you.

Chairperson's initial



Cr Suzette Tayler

Congratulations Cr Conroy on being elected to Deputy Mayor. I think you've got a vibrant personality and you're going to bring a lot to the role. I'm sure you'll fill it well and I look forward to working with you.

Mayor, Cr Kris Bolam

When Nathan and I first spoke about him nominating for Deputy Mayor, I said to him what type of Deputy Mayor do you want to be? His response was, to get people through COVID and to provide a message of hope, and I think tonight you've done that because you're a brand new Councillor fresh from election and you're already stepping up. I think for those people who voted for change, you and the new Councillors represent that hope. Well done on stepping up, choosing to step up in your first year. I don't think you'll need a great deal of training, but it's there and I'll do my bit to get you ready. That is the purpose of being a Deputy Mayor, if something were to happen, or I needed someone to step in, you would be there and I am confident that you are competent to take on the responsibilities after a few weeks.

Mr Phil Cantillon, Chief Executive Officer

Congratulations on behalf of the organisation. We've certainly got an insight in to the fun we'll have through the discussions, you've got a wicked sense of humour, but you've got enormous passion for the benefit of the community in terms of what you want to achieve and that is going to provide a guiding light for us as an organisation to support you and the wider Council to achieve those aims. Congratulations.

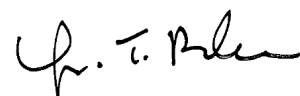
4.4 Setting of Mayoral and Councillor Allowances 2020-2024*(TC Chief Financial Office)***Council Decision****Moved: Councillor Hill****Seconded: Councillor Asker**

That Council:

1. Gives notice of its intention to set the Mayoral and Councillor allowances for the 2020/2021 financial year at the maximum levels for a Category 3 Council, as determined by the Minister for Local Government and published in the Victoria Government Gazette (currently \$31,444 for Councillors and \$100,434 for the Mayor);
2. Notes the Minister for Local Government had conducted a review under section 73B of the Local Government Act 1989 and confirmed that no adjustment to allowances will be made in respect to all Councils for the 2020-2021 financial year, in line with the Victorian Premier's recent decision determining a zero percent adjustment to Victorian Public Service executive remuneration;
3. Authorises the giving of public notice of its intention to set the Mayoral and Councillor allowances for this financial year at the maximum level, and invites public submissions in accordance with section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*;
4. Following completion of the section 223 consultation process (including the hearing of any submissions), a further report be presented to Council to finalise the statutory process for the setting of the Mayoral and Councillor allowances for the 2020/2021 financial year;
5. Sets the Mayoral and Councillor Allowances for the remainder of the Council term (i.e. until October 2024), at the maximum amount specified in the relevant Determination of the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal;
6. Notes that it is up to each Mayor, Deputy Mayor or Councillor to determine if they wish to receive the entire allowance, part of the allowance or no allowance;
7. Notes the allowances will be paid monthly in advance, with the amounts being subject to any variations or adjustments made by the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal during the four year Council term; and
8. Notes that an amount equivalent to the superannuation guarantee contribution under Commonwealth taxation legislation (currently 9.5%) is payable in addition to the allowance amounts. This contribution, which increases in accordance with the Commonwealth taxation legislation, is to be paid into the approved fund nominated by the Mayor and each Councillor, on a quarterly in-arrears basis for the 2020/2021, 2021/2022, 2022/2023, 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 financial years.

Carried Unanimously

Chairperson's initial



4.5 Presentation of Letter under Seal to outgoing Mayor and Deputy Mayor

(MT Chief Financial Office)

Recommendation (Chief Financial Officer)

That the Presentation of Letter under Seal to outgoing Mayor and Deputy Mayor be received.

This item was not moved and seconded and will be considered at the 23 November 2020 Council Meeting.

The Mayor read the Letter under Seal for Sandra Mayer.

Sandra Mayer addressed the Council:

Thank you very much for allowing the opportunity to speak tonight, I won't speak for long, the meeting has been going for quite a while already. It's been an honour representing the North East Ward and Frankston City Council for 12 years. Like Cr Conroy, I also got a very large amount of votes and I was not elected by accident, nor was I elected Mayor three times by accident. I worked very, very hard to get what I got and I got a lot of great feedback from the community, from my colleagues and staff alike. And I would like to thank my colleagues for the support they gave me, whether it was voting for me or throughout the year and the Mayor and Mayoress award is a tremendous honour which I will always have.

I would like to congratulate the Councillors, the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor. You've got elected, and now the hard work begins. And there's a lot to do to try to fix our city centre after a very challenging year, which I navigated the Council through, as was mentioned.

Confucius says, the one thing moves a mountain begins by carrying small stones. Have a bold vision, but remember the small stuff – do your due diligence, read your papers, come to meetings, be a team player, be responsive to the community, turn up to events that you're invited to because the community loves seeing you out there and you're a VIP now. Make decisions based on community's best interest not your own personal agendas – there is no I in team. Remember why you ran, what are your values, what did you promise and what did you want your legacy to be.

The community have elected you to represent them and it's a great honour, please remember that. Remember that this is a work place, please treat the staff well, they will always be respectful towards you and remember you have a Code of Conduct as well. And the Local Government Act is now a lot stricter, so do your best to do the right thing.

I would like to pay tribute to my colleagues who have served 10, 15, 20 years plus, many of who worked very hard for their community and I wish them all the best for the future as well.

I would like to end with a Buddhist teaching: "A generous heart, kind speech, and a life of service and compassion are the things which renew humanity". I wish you all the best and have a great four years. Thank you so much.

Mayor, Cr Kris Bolam

The Mayor read the Letter Under seal presented to the outgoing Colin Hampton.

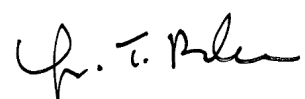
Colin, best of luck and we wish you all the very best.

5. LATE REPORTS

6. URGENT BUSINESS

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Signed by the CEO

Chairperson's initial

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. T. P. Baker', written in a cursive style.

The meeting was closed to the public at 8.33 pm

CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

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CHAIRPERSON

AUTHORITY TO STAMP INITIALS ON MINUTES

I, Cr. Kris Bolam, 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 Monday, 16 November 2020, confirmed on 23 November 2020.

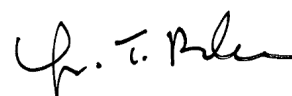
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(Cr. Kris Bolam, Chairperson – Council Meeting)

Dated this

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QUESTION TIME

These Questions Without Notice were presented at the Ordinary Meeting 2020/OM13 – 21 September 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all Ordinary Meetings have been closed to the public, and all submitter(s) have been contacted directly with a response to their questions. In accordance with the Public Submissions and Question Time Policy, the questions and response(s) are published at the next Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes.

Margaret Orr**Question 1**

What is the result of the planning permit no 158/2020/P? to build a sixteen room rooming house?

Response

This application is yet to be determined. The application has been called in to be determined by the elected body of Council and unless retracted will therefore be determined at a future Council meeting.

Rajesh Sriperumbudur**Question 1**

I can find an amendment C120 for zoning for the Frankston council is in front of the planning minister for approval. Is there an update on this?

Response

The Minister for Planning advised Council in July 2020 that he has decided not to authorise Council to prepare and exhibit Planning Scheme Amendment C120.

Council is intending to prepare a revised housing strategy and housing framework plan to underpin a new planning scheme amendment.

Question 2

Where can I find more information on the amendment and the details on Minimal Change Area proposal that is referenced in this document?

Response

The Frankston Housing Strategy, 2018 provides further detail in relation to "Minimal Change Areas". This document can be accessed via Council's website.

Further details of the amendment can be found in the Council report presented at the 04 June 2018 Council meeting. The Council Agenda and Minutes can be accessed via Council's website.