



# Minutes

## Special Meeting of Council

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Monday, 18 October 2021, 6.00pm

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## ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council  
held in the Fremantle Town Hall  
on **Monday, 18 October 2021** at 6.00 pm.

### 1 Official opening, welcome and acknowledgment

The Acting Chief Executive Officer, Glen Dougall declared the meeting open at 6.00 pm and welcomed Aunty Marie Taylor, Mr John Alberti, JP, guests and members of the public to the meeting.

#### Welcome to Country Ceremony

Aunty Marie Taylor conducted the welcome to country ceremony.

### 2 Attendance, apologies and leave of absence

#### 2.1 Attendance

|                        |  |
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| Dr Hannah Fitzhardinge | Mayor                                    |
| Cr Andrew Sullivan     | South Ward                               |
| Cr Marija Vujcic       | South Ward                               |
| Cr Doug Thompson       | North Ward                               |
| Cr Bryn Jones          | North Ward                               |
| Cr Rachel Pemberton    | City Ward                                |
| Cr Adin Lang           | City Ward                                |
| Cr Jenny Archibald     | East Ward                                |
| Cr Su Groome           | East Ward                                |
| Cr Geoff Graham        | Beaconsfield Ward                        |
| Cr Fedele Camarda      | Beaconsfield Ward                        |
| Cr Ben Lawver          | Hilton Ward                              |
| Cr Frank Mofflin       | Hilton Ward                              |
| Mr Glen Dougall        | A/Chief Executive Officer                |
| Mr Matt Hammond        | A/Director City Business                 |
| Mr Paul Garbett        | Director Strategic Planning and Projects |
| Mr Graham Tattersall   | Director Infrastructure                  |
| Ms Charlie Clarke      | Manager Governance                       |
| Mr Paul Dunlop         | Manager Communications and Events        |
| Ms Beverley Bone       | Manager Community Development            |
| Ms Kayla Goodchild     | Meeting Support Officer                  |

*There were approximately 30 members of the public in attendance.*



**5. Applications for leave of absence**

Nil

**6. Disclosures of interest by members**

Nil

**7. Public question time**

Nil

**8. Elected member communication**

Mayor Hanna Fitzhardinge made the following statement:

This election has sent a clear message of positivity and a reinforcement of the values that make our community what it is.

Freo is a place of inclusion, optimism, resilience, and creativity. It's a place we choose never to leave or choose to move to and adopt as our place, because there really is no other place like it.

As I've said before, we cannot build up the city we love, by tearing each other down. The election confirmed that people want their Council to be a positive champion of their city, advocating for Fremantle's interests with vision and unity.

The culture I want our Council to embody is one of collaboration, progressive thinking, innovation, and accessibility, and I think we need to lead that from the top.

To that end I will be meeting with all Councillors to understand what they wish to achieve during their terms, and to see how I can support them, and also offering to meet with all candidates to understand what they learned from their involvement in our civic process.

As Mayor I won't benefit from the wisdom of our community if I'm locked away in an office. I want to be a 'coffee shop' Mayor – someone you will see around town and know is always approachable. I want to hear the community's ideas, issues, initiatives and I want to know how we can help.

Freo has a fantastic future ahead, and this Council has an opportunity to shape the city for generations to come. I look forward to working with you all.

## 9. Reports and recommendations from officers

### SC2110-1 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

**Meeting Date:** 18 October 2021  
**Responsible Officer:** Manager Governance  
**Decision Making Authority:** Council  
**Agenda Attachments:** Nil

#### SUMMARY

The position of Deputy Mayor becomes vacant after the ordinary elections are held. The Council must now elect a new Deputy Mayor.

The purpose of this report is for the Council to elect a Deputy Mayor following the ordinary election held on 16 October 2021, in accordance with Schedule 2.3, Division 2 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

#### BACKGROUND

If the Mayor is already elected the election of the Deputy Mayor is the first matter dealt with by the Council after an ordinary election, once the swearing in of the new members has been completed.

The role of the deputy mayor is to perform the functions of the mayor when authorised to do so under section 5.34 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

#### LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Schedule 2.3 and Schedule 4.1 of the *Local Government Act 1995* determines the process for electing a deputy mayor.

#### CONSULTATION

No consultation was undertaken for consideration in this report.

#### OFFICER COMMENT

Schedule 2.3 of the *Local Government Act 1995* determines when and how deputy mayors are elected. The process is summarised below:

1. The council is to elect a councillor to fill the office.
2. Nominations for the office are to be given to the person conducting the election in writing before the meeting or during the meeting before the close of nominations.
3. Nominations close at the meeting at a time announced by the person conducting the election, which is to be sufficient time after the announcement by that person

that nominations are about to close to allow for any nominations made to be dealt with.

4. If a councillor is nominated by another councillor the person conducting the election is not to accept the nomination unless the nominee has advised the person conducting the election, orally or in writing, that they are willing to be nominated for the office.
5. The council members are to vote on the matter by secret ballot as if they were electors voting at an election.
6. The votes will be counted, and the successful candidate determined as if those votes were cast at an election.
7. The candidate who receives the greater or greatest number of votes is elected.
8. As soon as practicable after the result of the election is known, the person conducting the election is to declare and give notice of the result.

If two or more candidates, being the only candidates in the count, or the only candidates remaining in the count receive the same number of votes, the count is to be discontinued and not more than 7 days later, a special meeting of council is to be held. Nominations may be withdrawn, and further nominations may be made. At the special meeting the council members are to vote again.

If, at the special council meeting two or more candidates, being the only candidates remaining in the count, receive the same number of votes, the Mayor is to draw lots to determine which candidate is elected.

Once the result has been announced, the Deputy Mayor is to make a declaration in the prescribed form before taking office

**At 6.20 pm the Mayor called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.**

**Nominations were received from Cr Frank Mofflin and Cr Andrew Sullivan.**

**A vote by secret ballot was conducted.**

#### **DECLARATION OF RESULT**

**Councillor Frank Mofflin was declared Deputy Mayor for the term of two years, to expire following the next ordinary election.**

#### **DECLARATION OF OFFICE**

**A Declaration of Office was made, in the presence of Mr John Alberti, Justice of the Peace by:**

**Councillor Frank Mofflin**

**Deputy Mayor**

#### **10 Closure**

**The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 6.32.**