

**Minutes**

**Unscheduled Council Meeting**

Thursday 24 April 2025 at 6pm

Council Chamber,

25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang

Councillors

Cr Daniela Zinni, Deputy Mayor Bundoora Ward

Cr Nic Brooks Thomastown Ward

Cr Blair Colwell Mill Park Ward

Cr Lawrie Cox Ganbul Gulinj Ward

Cr Deb Gunn Painted Hills Ward

Cr Stevan Kozmevski Lalor Ward

Cr Jarrod Lappin Mernda Ward

Cr David Lenberg Epping Ward

Cr Christine Stow North Ward

Cr Martin Taylor South Morang Ward

Executive Leadership Team

Craig Lloyd Chief Executive Officer

Emma Appleton Director Planning & Development

Janine Morgan Executive Manager Public Affairs

Jacinta Stevens Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO

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 **1 Opening**

 **1.1 Meeting Opening and Introductions**

The CEO, as the interim chair opened the meeting at 6pm.

“Welcome to this Council Meeting of 24 April 2025 which is being held in person in the Council Chamber at Civic Centre, 25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang and also being live streamed.

My name is Craig Lloyd, I’m the Chief Executive Officer here at the City of Whittlesea. I would like to introduce our Councillors and members of the Executive Leadership in attendance tonight.

Deputy Mayor, Cr Zinni, Cr Brooks, Cr Colwell, Cr Cox, Cr Gunn (online), Cr Kozmevski,
Cr Lappin, Cr Lenberg (online), Cr Stow and Cr Taylor.

From our Executive Leadership Team we have:

Emma Appleton, Director Planning & Development;

Janine Morgan, Executive Manager Public Affairs; and

Jacinta Stevens, Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO.

 **1.2 Apologies**

Nil

 **1.3 Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners Statement**

The Chair read the following statement:

*“On behalf of Council, I recognise the rich Aboriginal heritage of this country and acknowledge the Wurundjeri Willum Clan and Taungurung People as the Traditional Owners of lands within the City of Whittlesea.*

*I would also like to acknowledge Elders past, present and emerging.”*

 **1.4 Diversity and Good Governance Statement**

The Chair read the following statement:

*“At the City of Whittlesea we are proud of our diversity and the many cultures, faiths and beliefs that make up our community. We strive to be an inclusive welcoming City that fosters active participation, wellbeing and connection to each other and this land. We commit as a Council to making informed decisions to benefit the people of the City of Whittlesea now and into the future, to support our community’s vision of A Place For All.*”

 **3 Officers' Reports**

 3.1 Election of Mayor

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**Director/Executive Manager:** Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO

# Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to conduct the election of a Mayor to serve the remaining period of the previous Mayor’s term being until 18 November 2025 will be conducted in accordance section 26 (8) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) and Council’s Governance Rules.

In accordance with section 26 (6) of the Act, a Mayor must be elected within one month after any vacancy in the office of Mayor occurs.

Further, Council’s Governance Rules prescribe the procedure for the election of Mayor, noting the Chief Executive Officer must chair the election of the Mayor in accordance with section 25 (3)(a) of the Act.

# Officers’ Recommendation

**THAT Council conducts an election for the position of Mayor until 18 November 2025.**

*Cr Stow moved the Officer Recommendation as the motion:*

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| **COUNCIL RESOLUTION** |
| ***Moved:*** | *Cr Stow* |
| ***Seconded:*** | *Cr Cox* |

**THAT Council conducts an election for the position of Mayor until 18 November 2025.**

**CARRIED**

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| **COUNCILLOR/S WHO SPOKE TO MOTION** |
| *Nil* |

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| **VOTING** |
| **FOR** | **AGAINST** | **ABSTAINED****(vote against the motion)** |
| *[Cr Zinni](https://portal2.docassembler.com.au/%22%20%5Cl%20%22/minutetypedetail/7dfe87fd-1e06-ec11-b563-2818780d348a/false/false)**[Cr Brooks](https://portal2.docassembler.com.au/%22%20%5Cl%20%22/minutetypedetail/7dfe87fd-1e06-ec11-b563-2818780d348a/false/false)**[Cr Colwell](https://portal2.docassembler.com.au/%22%20%5Cl%20%22/minutetypedetail/7dfe87fd-1e06-ec11-b563-2818780d348a/false/false)**[Cr Cox](https://portal2.docassembler.com.au/%22%20%5Cl%20%22/minutetypedetail/7dfe87fd-1e06-ec11-b563-2818780d348a/false/false)**[Cr Gunn](https://portal2.docassembler.com.au/%22%20%5Cl%20%22/minutetypedetail/7dfe87fd-1e06-ec11-b563-2818780d348a/false/false)**[Cr Kozmevski](https://portal2.docassembler.com.au/%22%20%5Cl%20%22/minutetypedetail/7dfe87fd-1e06-ec11-b563-2818780d348a/false/false)**[Cr Lappin](https://portal2.docassembler.com.au/%22%20%5Cl%20%22/minutetypedetail/7dfe87fd-1e06-ec11-b563-2818780d348a/false/false)**[Cr Lenberg](https://portal2.docassembler.com.au/%22%20%5Cl%20%22/minutetypedetail/7dfe87fd-1e06-ec11-b563-2818780d348a/false/false)**[Cr Stow](https://portal2.docassembler.com.au/%22%20%5Cl%20%22/minutetypedetail/7dfe87fd-1e06-ec11-b563-2818780d348a/false/false)**[Cr Taylor](https://portal2.docassembler.com.au/%22%20%5Cl%20%22/minutetypedetail/7dfe87fd-1e06-ec11-b563-2818780d348a/false/false)* | *Nil* | *Nil* |

# Election of Mayor (until 18 November 2025)

The Chief Executive Officer, Craig Lloyd outlined the process for the election of the Mayor and invited Councillors to submit their nominations for the Office of Mayor for the remaining period of the previous Mayor’s term being until 18 November 2025.

Cr Brooks nominated Cr Taylor for election to the Office of the Mayor. Cr Taylor accepted the nomination. The nomination was seconded by Cr Stow.

There were no further nominations.

As only one nomination was received, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council’s Governance Rules 2024, the Chief Executive Officer declared Cr Taylor duly elected to the Office of Mayor of the City of Whittlesea until the 18 November 2025.

Mayor, Cr Taylor assumed the Chair and addressed the meeting.

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| **COUNCILLOR/S WHO SPOKE TO THE ELECTION** |
| *Cr Cox, Cr Colwell & Cr Stow* |

 3.2 Election of Deputy Mayor (if required)

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**Director/Executive Manager:** Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO

# Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to elect a Deputy Mayor in the event the role becomes vacant as a result of the Mayoral election.

The position of Deputy Mayor will be to serve the remaining period of the previous Deputy Mayor’s term being until 18 November 2025 and will be conducted in accordance section 26 (8) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) and Council’s Governance Rules.

# Officers’ Recommendation

**THAT Council conduct an election for the position of Deputy Mayor until 18 November 2025.**

*Cr Gunn moved the following motion:*

# Motion

THAT Council note an election for the position of the Deputy Mayor is not required and that Cr Daniela Zinni remains Deputy Mayor until the next election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to be held on 18 November 2025.

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| **COUNCIL RESOLUTION** |
| ***Moved:*** | *Cr Gunn* |
| ***Seconded:*** | *Cr Stow* |

**THAT Council note an election for the position of the Deputy Mayor is not required and that Cr Daniela Zinni remains Deputy Mayor until the next election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to be held on 18 November 2025.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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| **COUNCILLOR/S WHO SPOKE TO MOTION** |
| *Cr Stow* |

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| **VOTING** |
| **FOR** | **AGAINST** | **ABSTAINED****(vote against the motion)** |
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 **4 Tabled Reports**

 4.1 Governor in Council Order

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**Director/Executive Manager:** Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO

**Report Author:** Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO

# Executive Summary

In accordance with section 229A (4) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the Order provided to Council by the Governor in Council in relation to the suspension of an individual Councillor of Whittlesea City Council at Attachment 1 is tabled and to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

# Attachments

1. Signed Order in Council [**4.1.1** - 1 page]

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 4.2 Election Report - Whittlesea City Council 2024 Local Government Elections

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**Report Author:** Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO

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In accordance with the *Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2020*, a copy of the Election Report for Whittlesea City Council 2024 Local Government Elections must be submitted to the Council at the earliest meeting after the CEO received the report from the Victorian Electoral Commission, see Attachment 1.

# Attachments

1. Whittlesea City Council – LG 24 election report [**4.2.1** - 74 pages]

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 **5 Closure**

There being no further business the Chair formally closed the meeting at 6:21pm.

Confirmed this 20th day of May 2025.

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Cr Martin Taylor

Mayor