



MELTON CITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Melton City Council
Held at Melton Civic Centre,
232 High Street, Melton on**

Thursday 21 November 2024 at 7pm

**Roslyn Wai
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MELTON CITY COUNCIL HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MELTON CIVIC CENTRE, 232 HIGH
STREET MELTON ON 21 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 7.00PM

Present: Cr S Abboushi (Mayor)
Cr L Carli (Deputy Mayor)
Cr K Majdlik
Cr B Morris
Cr J Shannon
Cr B Turner
Cr A Vandenberg
Cr J Verdon
Cr Dr P Zada

R Wai, Chief Executive Officer
E Keogh, Head of Governance
R Hodgson, Senior Coordinator Governance
B Bensley, Governance Officer

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Chief Executive Officer opened the meeting at 7pm.

2. OPENING PRAYER AND RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

The Chief Executive Officer read the opening prayer and reconciliation statement..

3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr S Ramsey

4. DETERMINING THE TERM OF THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Motion

Crs Majdlik/Turner.

That, pursuant to section 26(3) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the Mayor be elected for a 1 year term.

For: Crs Abboushi, Carli, Majdlik, Morris, Shannon, Turner, Vandenberg, Verdon and Zada

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

The Chief Executive Officer noted the receipt of two nominations for the office of Mayor.

Cr Vandenberg was nominated by **Cr Vandenberg**.

Cr Vandenberg's nomination was seconded by **Cr Verdon**.

The Chief Executive Officer asked **Cr Vandenberg** if she accepted the nomination and **Cr Vandenberg** confirmed acceptance.

Cr Abboushi was nominated by **Cr Shannon**.

Cr Abboushi's nomination was seconded by **Cr Zada**.

The Chief Executive Officer asked **Cr Abboushi** if he accepted the nomination and **Cr Abboushi** confirmed acceptance.

In accordance with Melton City Council's Governance Rules, The Chief Executive Officer put each nomination to the vote:

Cr Vandenberg received two votes: Crs Vandenberg and Verdon

Cr Abboushi received seven votes: Crs Abboushi, Carli, Majdlik, Morris, Shannon, Turner and Zada

Having received an absolute majority of votes, the Chief Executive Officer declared **Cr Abboushi** elected as Mayor of the City of Melton.

The newly elected Mayor, Cr Abboushi, departed the meeting at 7.05pm to be formally robed and returned to the meeting at 7.08pm and assumed the Chair.

6. ADDRESS BY THE MAYOR

The Mayor, Cr Abboushi, addressed the meeting.

7. ESTABLISHING OFFICE OF DEPUTY MAYOR AND TERM TO BE ELECTED

Motion

Crs Shannon/Turner.

That, pursuant to sections 20A, 27(2) and 26(3) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council establish an Office of Deputy Mayor for the 2024 – 2028 Council Term and that the Deputy Mayor be elected for a 1 year term.

For: Crs Abboushi, Carli, Majdlik, Morris, Shannon, Turner, Vandenberg, Verdon & Zada

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor noted the receipt of two nominations for the office of Deputy Mayor.

Cr Vandenberg was nominated by **Cr Vandenberg**.

Cr Vandenberg's nomination was seconded by **Cr Verdon**.

The Mayor asked **Cr Vandenberg** if she accepted the nomination and **Cr Vandenberg** confirmed acceptance.

Cr Carli was nominated by **Cr Abboushi**.

Cr Carli's nomination was seconded by **Cr Morris**.

The Mayor asked **Cr Carli** if she accepted the nomination and **Cr Carli** confirmed acceptance.

In accordance with Melton City Council's Governance Rules, the Mayor put each nomination to the vote:

Cr Vandenberg received two votes: Crs Vandenberg and Verdon

Cr Carli received seven votes: Crs Abboushi, Carli, Majdlik, Morris, Shannon, Turner and Zada

Having received an absolute majority of votes, the Mayor declared **Cr Carli** elected as Deputy Mayor of the City of Melton.

9. ADDRESS BY THE DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor congratulated Cr Carli on her election as Deputy Mayor and presented Cr Carli with the Deputy Mayoral medallion.

The Deputy Mayor, Cr Carli, congratulated Cr Abboushi on his election as Mayor and addressed the meeting.

10. CONGRATULATIONS TO INCOMING MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

Suspension of Standing Orders

Crs Majdlik/Zada.

That Standing Orders be suspended to enable Councillors to extend their congratulations to the newly elected Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

For: Crs Abboushi, Carli, Majdlik, Morris, Shannon, Turner, Vandenberg, Verdon and Zada

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Crs Majdlik, Verdon, Zada, Turner, Shannon, Vandenberg and Morris congratulated Cr Abboushi and Cr Carli on their election to their respective offices.

Resumption of Standing Orders

Crs Majdlik/Carli.

That Standing Orders be resumed.

For: Crs Abboushi, Carli, Majdlik, Morris, Shannon, Turner, Vandenberg, Verdon and Zada

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. 2025 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Motion

Crs Turner/Carli.

That Council, in accordance with its Governance Rules, adopt the following Council Meeting Schedule dates, locations, and formats for 2025 with all meetings to commence at 7.00pm:

Date	Location	Format
Monday, 24 February 2025	Melton Civic Centre	In person^
Monday, 24 March 2025	Melton Civic Centre	In person^
Monday, 28 April 2025	Melton Civic Centre	In person^
Monday, 26 May 2025	Melton Civic Centre	In person^
Monday, 23 June 2025	Melton Civic Centre	In person^
Monday, 28 July 2025	Melton Civic Centre	In person^
Monday, 25 August 2025	Melton Civic Centre	In person^
Monday, 22 September 2025	Melton Civic Centre	In person^
Monday, 27 October 2025	Melton Civic Centre	In person^
Thursday, 6 November 2025*	Melton Civic Centre	In person^
Monday, 24 November 2025	Melton Civic Centre	In person^
Monday, 15 December 2025	Melton Civic Centre	In person^

**Meeting for the election of the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor and setting of the 2026 meeting schedule.*

^All Council Meetings to be conducted in person, subject to Government restrictions. In the event of such restrictions applying, any affected meeting will be conducted electronically.

For: Crs Abboushi, Carli, Majdlik, Morris, Shannon, Turner, Vandenberg, Verdon and Zada

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. CLOSE OF BUSINESS

The meeting closed at 7.33pm.

Confirmed

Dated this

.....CHAIRPERSON