



GLADSTONE
REGIONAL COUNCIL

POST ELECTION MEETING MINUTES

**HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CIVIC CENTRE
101 GOONDOON STREET, GLADSTONE**

On 14 April 2020

Commencing at 9.15 am

**Leisa Dowling
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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Elected Members

Councillor - Mayor M J Burnett
Councillor G G Churchill
Councillor K Goodluck
Councillor R A Hansen
Councillor D V O'Grady
Councillor C A Trevor
Councillor N Muszkat
Councillor D E Branthwaite
Councillor C B Cameron

Officers

Mrs L Dowling (Chief Executive Officer)
Miss C Daly (Executive Secretary)

APOLOGIES

Nil.

MAYORAL STATEMENT OF CURRENT ISSUES

For those joining us on the livestream, welcome to the Post Election Meeting on 14 April 2020. We have just completed the Declaration of Office for all Councillors and myself, and we are now moving into the Post Election Meeting which will be a brief meeting due to there only being a few items on the Agenda. Our first Council Meeting for the year will be decided shortly.

Before we get started, I would like to welcome Councillor Chris Cameron and Councillor Darryl Branthwaite to the Gladstone Regional Council team – welcome aboard. You obviously polled very well and the community has endorsed your appointment to Gladstone Regional Council.

To my fellow Councillors returning to Council; Councillor Glenn Churchill, Councillor Natalia Muszkat, Councillor Kahn Goodluck, Councillor Desley O’Grady, Councillor Rick Hansen, and to my Deputy Mayor Councillor Chris Trevor – thank you very much for the hard work you have put in over the last 4 years and obviously the community’s endorsement of returning all sitting Councillors. Being returned to office is indicative of the success we have been able to achieve for the past term.

It should be noted that with the COVID-19 disaster hitting not just the Gladstone region, but also Australia and world wide, we have been able to manage our finances very well over the past 4 years. This will put us in good stead to be able to manage this disaster at a local level.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Councillor PJ Sobhanian and Councillor Peter Masters for their service to the Gladstone Regional Council over the past 4 years, and of course, Councillor Cindi Bush who joined us for the first couple of years of the term. All three Councillors have made a significant contribution to the Gladstone region and I would like to thank them for their service.

Before we move into the Post Election Meeting, I would like to advise the community that if they missed the communication earlier, we are practicing social distancing with at least 1.5mtrs between all Councillors and staff, our CEO has been moved away from the table and we have allowed suitable space for our media to also attend. Unfortunately, there is no further room available in the gallery, therefore, we have livestreamed this meeting. We have also added separate desks for our new Councillors to attend and comply with social distancing requirements.

I would like to extend an apology to our regulars, Tex, Phil and John, who would normally be in the gallery. Hopefully they will be able to join us by livestream and our General Meetings will be taken across the region and the world.

PE/1. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

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File Ref: CM7.2

Purpose:

To appoint a Deputy Mayor by resolution from Councillors in accordance with section 175 of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Councillor _____ be appointed Deputy Mayor for Gladstone Regional Council.

G/20/4134 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Hansen
Seconded Cr Muszkat

That Councillor Kahn Goodluck be appointed Deputy Mayor for Gladstone Regional Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A Division was called on the motion:

In favour of the Motion: Crs Burnett, Churchill, Goodluck, Hansen, O'Grady, Trevor, Muszkat, Branthwaite and Cameron.

Against the Motion: Nil.

PE/2. SCHEDULE FOR COUNCIL GENERAL MEETINGS

PE/2.1. SCHEDULE FOR COUNCIL GENERAL MEETINGS

File Ref: CM7.2

Purpose:

In accordance with section 256 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council must set its General Meeting schedule at the Post Election meeting.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Hold its first General Meeting for the 2020 election term on Tuesday 28 April 2020; and
2. Adopt the General Meeting schedule of the first and third Tuesday of each month, commencing 5 May 2020.

G/20/4135 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill
Seconded Cr Trevor

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

**PE/3. NOMINATION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
QUEENSLAND POLICY EXECUTIVE**

**PE/3.1. NOMINATION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
QUEENSLAND POLICY EXECUTIVE**

File Ref: CM7.2

Purpose:

To provide Council with the opportunity to nominate a candidate for the Local Government Association of Queensland's Policy Executive District Representatives (District 6) 2020-2024.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Councillor _____ be appointed as Council's nominated candidate for the Local Government Association of Queensland's Policy Executive District Representative (District 6) 2020-2024.

G/20/4136 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Goodluck
Seconded Cr O'Grady

That Mayor Matt Burnett be appointed as Council's nominated candidate for the Local Government Association of Queensland's Policy Executive District Representative (District 6) 2020-2024.

CARRIED

There being no further business the Mayor formally closed the meeting.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 09.24 am

CERTIFICATION

I hereby confirm that I have read the minutes and they are a true and correct record of the proceedings of the meeting. I certify that these 7 pages form the official copy of Gladstone Regional Council Post Election Meeting Minutes of the 14 April 2020.

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Mayor Matt Burnett

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Date