



Special Meeting of the 40th Council

19 October 2021

AGENDA

Notice of Meeting

To: The Mayor and Councillors

The Special Meeting of Council of the City of Stirling will be held on Tuesday 19 October 2021 in the City of Stirling Council Chamber, 25 Cedric Street, Stirling commencing at 5.30pm.

Stuart Jardine PSM | Chief Executive Officer

Our Vision, Mission and Values

Vision

The City of Stirling will be a place where people choose to live, work, visit and invest. We will have safe and thriving neighbourhoods with a range of housing, employment and recreational opportunities. We will engage with our diverse community to help shape our future into the City of Stirling - City of Choice.

Mission

To serve the City's diverse community through delivering efficient, responsive and sustainable services.

Values

The City of Stirling's core values are:-

- Agile
- Approachable
- Inclusive
- Innovative
- Inspiring
- Respectful
- Transparent

Disclaimer

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PRELIMINARIES

The City's Honorary Freeman, Mr Rod Constantine, will read the opening prayer and the Acknowledgement of Country.

1. Opening prayer:-

"Almighty God we ask you to guide us in all our discussions to show goodness, honesty, understanding and wisdom in all that we undertake to do. May we respect each other's views at all times and we ask all of this in your name."

2. Acknowledgement of Country:-

"On behalf of Councillors, we would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Wadjak people of the Nyoongar nation, on which this meeting is taking place and show our respect for Elders past, present and emerging."

3. Councillors and visitors are requested to turn off mobile phones.

4. Councillors and City officers are reminded to disclose any declarations of financial interest and interests affecting impartiality.

5. All Councillors are requested to activate their microphones when addressing the meeting.

6. Councillors and visitors are reminded that audio recording of the Council meeting proceedings is prohibited unless prior approval has been granted.

DECLARATION BY NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS

The City's Honorary Freeman, Mr Tony Vallelonga, has been invited to assist with the swearing in ceremony.

The newly elected Mayor and Councillors are to take the declaration of office as required by Section 2.29 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

1. OFFICIAL OPENING

The Presiding Member to declare the Special Meeting of Council open.

2. APOLOGIES

Nil.

3. APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil.

5. ELECTION OF A DEPUTY MAYOR

The Deputy Mayor will be elected in accordance with the provision of Section 8, Schedule 2.3 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

6. SWEARING IN OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR

The Deputy Mayor will make the Deputy Mayor's Declaration, as prescribed in Form 7 of the Local Government (Constitution) Regulations 1998. The City's Honorary Freeman, Mr Tony Vallelonga, will officiate the swearing in of the Deputy Mayor.

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

In accordance with Regulation 7(b) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 all questions asked at this meeting must relate to the purpose of the meeting.

8. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 4.2(4) OF THE MEETING PROCEDURES LOCAL LAW 2021

In accordance with Clause 4.2(4) of the City of Stirling Meeting Procedures Local Law 2021, the Chief Executive Officer may include on the agenda of a Council meeting, in an appropriate place within the order of business, any matter which must be decided, or which he considers is appropriate to be decided, by that meeting.

8.1 COUNCIL CHAMBERS SEATING PLAN

Report Information

Location: Not Applicable
Applicant: Not Applicable
Reporting Officer: Manager Governance
Business Unit: Governance
Ward: Not Applicable
Suburb: Not Applicable

Authority/Discretion

Definition

- Advocacy *when Council advocates on its own behalf or on behalf of its community to another level of government/body/agency.*
- Executive *the substantial direction setting and oversight role of the Council. e.g. adopting plans and reports, accepting tenders, directing operations, setting and amending budgets.*
- Legislative *includes adopting local laws, town planning schemes and policies. It is also when Council reviews decisions made by Officers.*
- Quasi-Judicial *when Council determines an application/matter that directly affects a person's right and interests. The judicial character arises from the obligation to abide by the principles of natural justice. Examples of Quasi-Judicial authority include town planning applications, building licences, applications for other permits/licences (e.g. under Health Act, Dog Act or Local Laws) and other decisions that may be appealable to the State Administrative Tribunal.*
- Information Purposes *includes items provided to Council for information purposes only, that do not require a decision of Council (i.e. - for 'noting').*

Recommendation

That Council ENDORSES the seating plan in the Council Chambers, as shown in Attachment 1.

Report Purpose

To review and set the seating plan for a two year term for the Council Chambers.

Relevant Documents

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Seating Plan [↓](#)

Available for viewing at meeting

Nil

Background

In accordance with Clause 7.1 of the City of Stirling Meeting Procedures Local Law 2021, Elected Members must be seated in the order as determined by Council following each ordinary election.

At its Special Council meeting held 22 October 2019, Council resolved (Special Council Resolution Number 1019/001) the seating plan for a two-year term, starting with the Osborne Ward on the Mayor's left and finishing with the Lawley Ward on the Mayor's right. Following the 16 October 2021 election, a new seating plan must now be determined.

Comment

A seating plan chart has been included for consideration for the current two year term (refer Attachment 1).

After each Election, the seating plan is changed to ensure that Councillors from different Wards can sit closer to the public gallery or to the head table in the Council Chamber. To achieve this, it is proposed to 'flip' the seating plan from the previous seating arrangement.

Each Ward remains in alphabetical order, with both Ward Councillors seated side by side in alphabetical order of their surnames.

Consultation/Communication Implications

Nil.

Policy and Legislative Implications

Clause 7.1(1) of the City of Stirling Meeting Procedures Local Law 2021 states:-

- "1. At Council meetings, members must be seated in the order as determined by Council following each ordinary election."*

Financial Implications

Nil.

Strategic Implications

Governance: Making it happen

Outcome G1: Good governance

Sustainability Implications

The following tables outline the applicable sustainability issues for this proposal:-

ENVIRONMENTAL	
Issue	Comment
Nil.	

SOCIAL	
Issue	Comment
Community engagement	Consistent seating arrangements for Council from week to week allows for the meeting attendees in the gallery to become familiar with their ward Councillors. This arrangement also facilitates a more streamlined commencement of the meetings.

ECONOMIC	
Issue	Comment
Nil.	

Conclusion

In accordance with the City of Stirling Meeting Procedures Local Law 2021, it is recommended that Council endorses a seating plan for a two year term.

Option 1

Director	Manager Governance	Chief Executive Officer	Mayor	Director	Director	Director
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9. CLOSURE

The Presiding Member to declare the meeting closed.