



City of Stirling

Special Meeting of the 41st Council

31 October 2023

Minutes

To: The Mayor and Councillors

Here within the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council of the City of Stirling held Tuesday 31 October 2023 in the City of Stirling Council Chamber, 25 Cedric Street, Stirling.

Stuart Jardine PSM | Chief Executive Officer

Our Vision, Mission and Values

Vision

A sustainable City with a local focus.

Mission

To serve our community by delivering efficient, responsive and sustainable service.

Values

The City of Stirling's core values are:

- Approachable
- Responsive
- Transparent
- Innovative.

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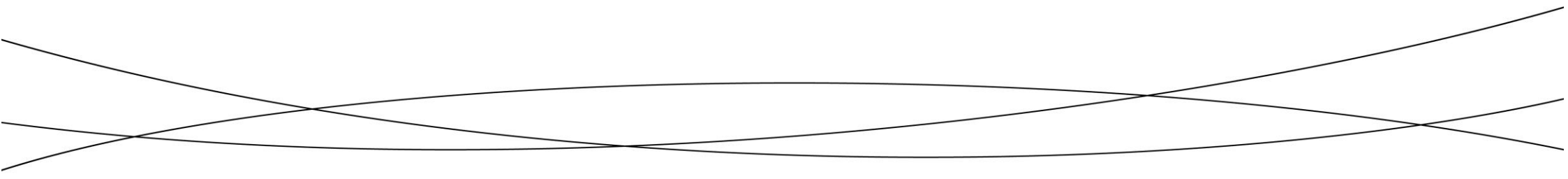


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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER 2023 HELD IN CITY OF STIRLING
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 25 CEDRIC STREET, STIRLING**

DECLARATION BY NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS

Honorary Freeman Rod Constantine read the Opening Prayer and Acknowledgement of Country.

In accordance with Section 2.29(1) of the *Local Government Act 1995* a person elected as Mayor is to make a Declaration in the prescribed form before acting in the office.

The Chief Executive Officer called upon Honorary Freeman Tony Vallelonga JP to conduct the Swearing in Ceremony of the Mayor.

Honorary Freeman Tony Vallelonga JP called upon Mayor Mark Irwin who made a declaration in the prescribed form.

Following his declaration, Mayor Mark Irwin assumed the Chair, and made the following acceptance speech:

“Thank you everyone for joining us this evening for this very special official occasion, where we acknowledge all candidates for their part in the election process and appoint the newly elected Councillors to their roles.

I would also like to thank our own Governance Team and the Returning Officer, as well as the broader group of staff involved in the lead up to, and including, Election Day. Your professionalism in the process gives the community confidence in our democratic system.

On Saturday 21 October 2023, the West Australian Electoral Commission conducted the election on the City's behalf for eight Ward Councillor vacancies and one Mayoral vacancy.

What an emphatic endorsement of the City's strong governance and leadership that every single Elected Member who stood for office was re-elected, with most being re-elected with a primary majority of over 50%. I was also re-elected with a 62% majority of the vote, including a majority of the votes across every Ward, showing confidence from our community in the work we're all doing as a team.

At the City of Stirling, Elected Members are very aware that the way we are seen in our community is only partly as a result of our own efforts. Last week, following the election results, I wrote to all the staff from Team Stirling, and acknowledged the part that they play, from our frontline services and outside workforce, to the Administrators and Coordinators, who all genuinely care about their role in delivering day in, day out for our community.

There are two new faces who join us in Chambers tonight, Councillor Rob Papatde and Councillor Damien Giudici.

On behalf of the Council and the community, I extend my sincere congratulations of your achievements and wish you all the best for the next four years. Positive, capable and passionate locals who will bring a variety of experiences and views to this table, making our team even stronger. Remember why you wanted to represent your community. Be vocal advocates for what you believe in, and challenge the things you want to see changed.

We are really pleased to have you here with us and we have every confidence you will represent your local communities with the same passion and determination that we have enjoyed with former Councillors Felicity Farrelly and Bianca Sandri, who resigned prior to the elections. Please join me in congratulating Councillor Papatde and Councillor Giudici.

Under the leadership of Stuart Jardine PSM over his 16 years as Chief Executive Officer, this organisation has become the undisputed leader in the local government sector. We are looked to by our peers for innovative ideas, and we are looked upon by other levels of government as a trusted partner.

As we've mentioned many times, the Executive Team, lead by Stuart, is one of the highest performing Executive Teams in the nation, producing our new Chief Executive Officer, Stevan Rodic, who we know has the capabilities and the cultural leadership to take Stirling into our next era. We are excited by what the future holds and wish to thank you, Stuart, Stev and all of Team Stirling for all that you do for our community.

As your re-elected Mayor, I will continue to work hard for our community. I will advocate for those who need a voice and to make decisions that will benefit our whole district. I commit to work closely with our Chief Executive Officer and our Executives, building on the strong relationship between our Council and the Administration, ensuring our community aspirations are achieved.

To the community, I thank you for your vote of confidence and we'll make you proud to live here in the City of Stirling.

Lastly, to my work colleagues, both elected and those who work as part of the team on a daily basis; to Elise and the rest of my family; and my friends and supporters, thank you so much for believing in me and for providing me with your continued support.

Thank you."

In accordance with Section 2.29(1) of the *Local Government Act 1995* a person elected as Councillor is to make Declaration in the prescribed form before acting in the office.

The Mayor called upon Honorary Freeman David Boothman JP to conduct the Swearing in Ceremony of the Councillors.

Honorary Freeman David Boothman JP called upon Councillors Elect individually as follows:

- Councillor Elect Michael Dudek (Balga Ward) made a declaration in the prescribed form.
- Councillor Elect Rob Papatde (Coastal Ward) made a declaration in the prescribed form.
- Councillor Elect Stephanie Proud JP (Doubleview Ward) made a declaration in the prescribed form.
- Councillor Elect Chris Hatton (Hamersley Ward) made a declaration in the prescribed form.
- Councillor Elect Damien Giudici (Inglewood Ward) made a declaration in the prescribed form.
- Councillor Elect David Lagan (Inglewood Ward) made a declaration in the prescribed form.
- Councillor Elect Joe Ferrante (Lawley Ward) made a declaration in the prescribed form.
- Councillor Elect Lisa Thornton (Osborne Ward) made a declaration in the prescribed form.

1. OFFICIAL OPENING

The Presiding Member declared the Special Meeting of Council open at 6.51pm.

2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

ATTENDANCE

Mayor

Mark Irwin

Councillors

Councillor Andrea Creado
Councillor Michael Dudek
Councillor Joe Ferrante
Councillor Damien Giudici
Councillor Chris Hatton
Councillor Tony Krsticevic
Councillor David Lagan
Councillor Teresa Olow
Councillor Rob Papparde
Councillor Karlo Perkov
Councillor Stephanie Proud JP
Councillor Elizabeth Re
Councillor Lisa Thornton

Guests

Honorary Freeman David Boothman JP
Honorary Freeman Rod Constantine PSM
Honorary Freeman Tony Vallelonga JP

Employees

Chief Executive Officer - Stuart Jardine PSM
Director Community Development - Michael Quirk
Director Corporate Services - Ingrid Hawkins
Director Infrastructure - Andrew Murphy
Director Planning and Development - Stevan Rodic
Manager Development Services - Amanda Sheers
Manager Governance - Jamie Blanchard
Manager Strategy and Performance - Michelle Wolsoncroft
Service Lead Council and Civic - Candice D'Castro
Lead Governance Officer - Regan Clyde
Senior Governance Officer - Daniel Govus
Senior Governance Officer - Jackson Mawby
Communications and Content Officer - Scott Stirling
Governance Officer - Sean McDiarmid

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APOLOGIES

Councillor Suzanne Migdale.

3. APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil.

Prior to Item 5, Mayor Mark Irwin made the following announcement.

“I would like to make a quick announcement, which is to welcome a special delegation. Timing is everything, and tonight we are very privileged to have with us a delegation from Split, Croatia. To Mayor Ivica Puljak from Split, Croatia, Vice Mayor Antonio Kuzmanic and to the rest of the delegation, a big warm welcome from the City of Stirling and our Council.

Following the formalities this evening, our family and friends are welcome to join us for some drinks and a BBQ afterwards, and we really do hope that you can join us as well. We have some small gifts we'd like to present to you as well.”

5. ELECTION OF A DEPUTY MAYOR

In accordance with Clause 8(2) of Schedule 2.3 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the Mayor presided over the conduct of election of the Deputy Mayor.

The Mayor informed the meeting that he had received two nominations in writing for the position of Deputy Mayor, being:

- Councillor Suzanne Migdale
- Councillor Elizabeth Re

The Mayor called for any further nominations. There being none, the Mayor advised that nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor were closed.

In accordance with Regulation 11A of the Local Government (Constitution) Regulations 1998, ballot papers were prepared, with the nominated Councillors listed in alphabetical order. The Manager Governance authenticated each ballot paper by initialling it.

A polling booth and ballot box were made available to Elected Members, and a secret ballot was undertaken.

Honorary Freeman Rod Constantine PSM oversaw the counting of the votes for the position of Deputy Mayor.

In accordance with the Regulation 11F of the Local Government (Constitution) Regulations 1998, the Mayor declared Councillor Suzanne Migdale elected as Deputy Mayor of the City of Stirling for a two year term.

6. SWEARING IN OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor advised that Councillor Suzanne Migdale, who was unable to attend the meeting due to illness, will be sworn in as Deputy Mayor at the Special Council meeting to be held 7 November 2023.

Councillor Suzanne Migdale had prepared a brief speech, which was read out by the Mayor:

“To Your Worship the Mayor and Councillors.

At the time of writing this message, I do not know the outcome of tonight's deliberations. However, if this message is being read out, then you, as my peers, have honoured me with the position of Deputy Mayor. I look forward to serving this wonderful City under this highly regarded Mayor, amazing Council and first class Administration. I'm deeply humbled by this privilege, and God willing, I will serve you with humility and to the best of my ability. Thank you, Councillor Suzanne Migdale.”

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil.

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

8.1 COUNCIL CHAMBERS SEATING PLAN

Business Unit:	Governance	Service: Council Governance
Ward:	Not Applicable	Location: Not Applicable
Applicant:	Not Applicable	

Role

Executive - *Governing the City and the community through executive powers.*

Council Resolution

1023/002

Moved Councillor Lagan, seconded Councillor Krsticevic

That Council ENDORSES the revised seating plan, as shown in Attachment 2.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED (14/0).

For: Councillors Creado, Dudek, Ferrante, Giudici, Hatton, Krsticevic, Lagan, Olow, Papparde, Perkov, Proud, Re, Thornton and Mayor Irwin.
Against: Nil.

Recommendation

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

Purpose

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

Details

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

At its Special Council meeting held 19 October 2021, Council resolved (Special Council Resolution Number 1021/001) the seating plan for a two-year term. Following the 21 October 2023 election, a new seating plan must now be determined.

The seating plan is generally amended every two years following an election; this allows newly elected Councillors to be seated between experienced Elected Members.

A proposed seating plan is contained in Attachment 1.

Financial Assessment and Implications

Nil.

Stakeholder Engagement

Nil.

Relevant Policies, Legislation and Council Resolutions

[Local Government Act 1995](#)

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.”

Meeting Date	Council Resolution Number	Council Resolution
19 October 2021	1021/001	That Council ENDORSES the seating plan in the Council Chambers, as shown in Attachment 1.

Sustainable Stirling 2022-2032

Key Result Area: Our leadership

Objective: A well-governed City

Priority: Comply with legislation, standards and obligations

Strategic Risk

Strategic Risk	Risk Appetite
Governance	The City will act with integrity and implement appropriate processes and controls to avoid breach of legislation.

Relevant Documents and Information

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Proposed Seating Plan (October 2023 - October 2025)

Attachment 2 - Revised Proposed Seating Plan (October 2023 - October 2025)

Available for viewing at meeting

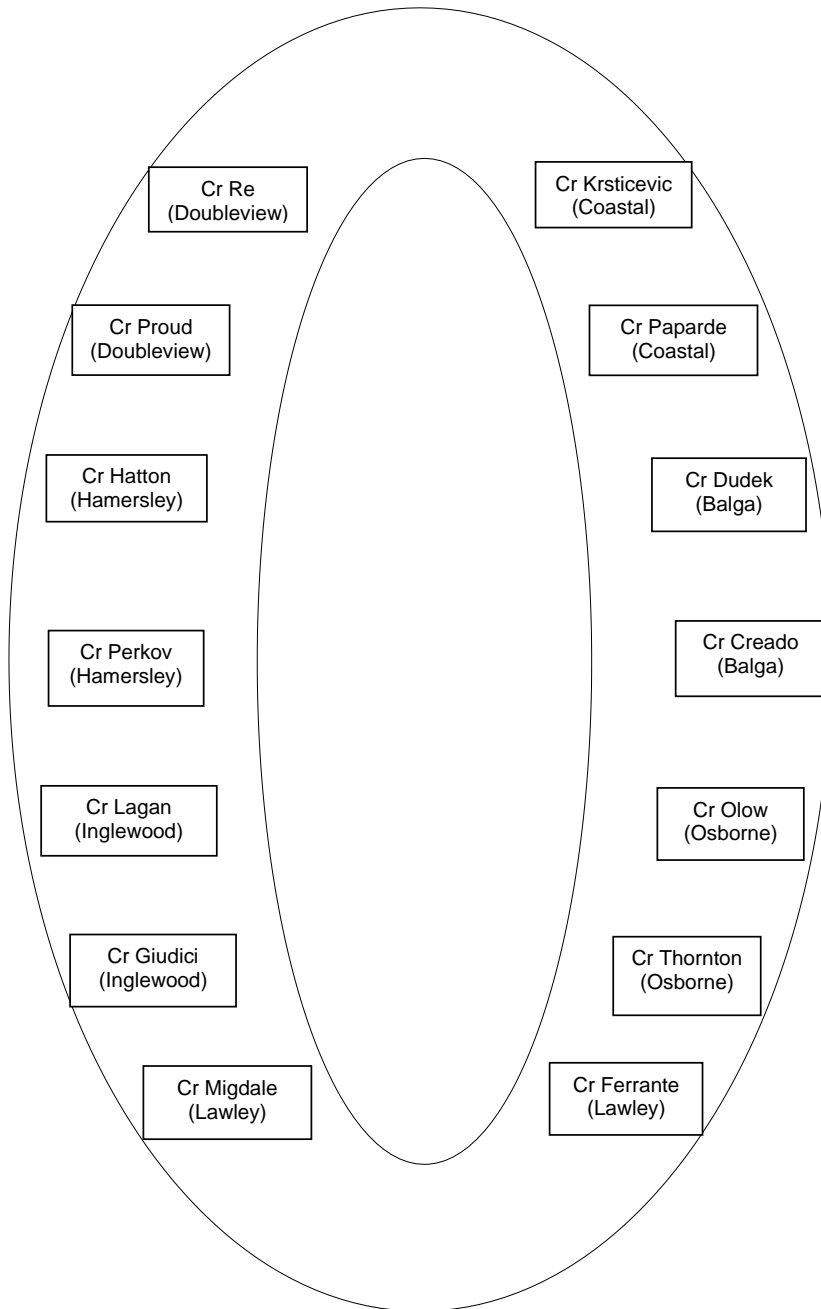
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Linked Documents

Nil.

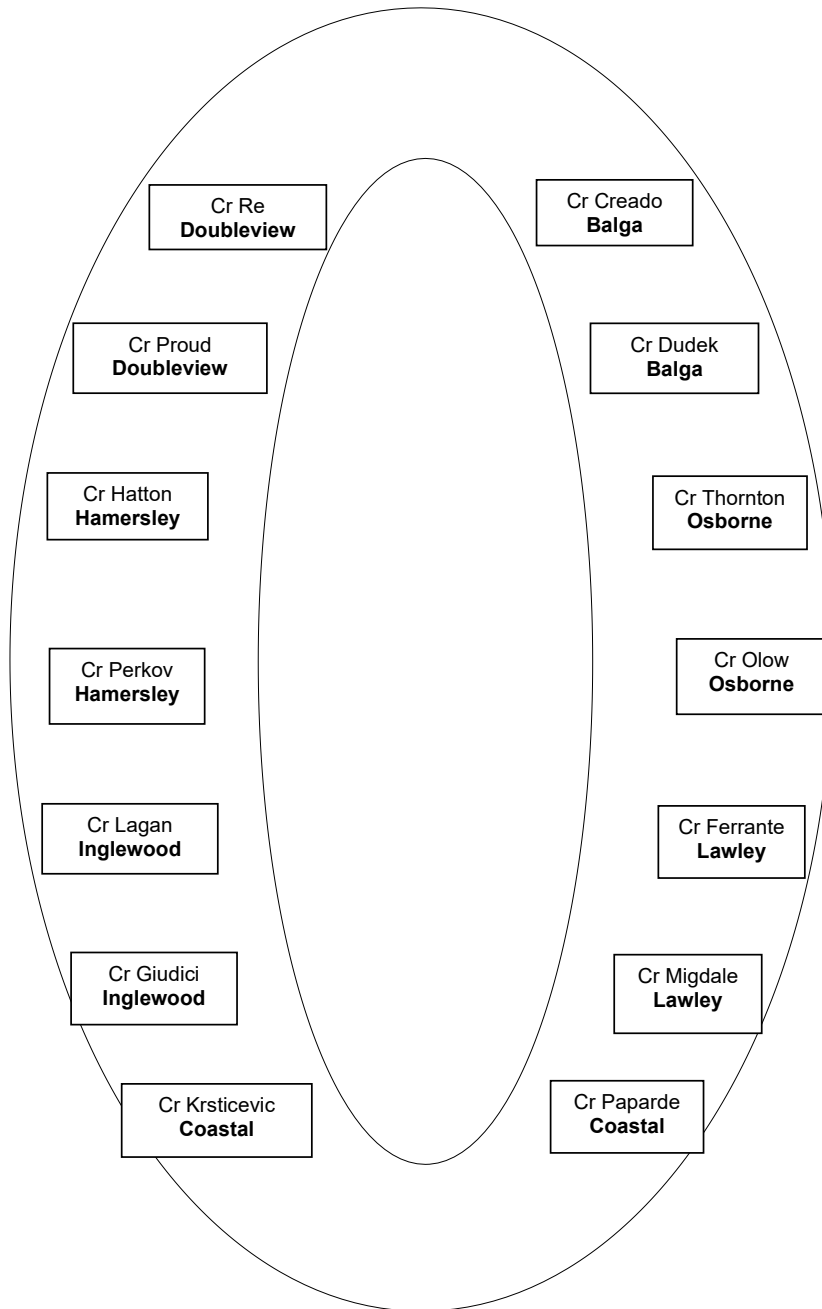
COUNCIL CHAMBERS SEATING PLAN

Director	Manager Governance	Chief Executive Officer	Mayor	Director	Director	Director
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**COUNCIL CHAMBERS SEATING PLAN
ATTACHMENT 2**

Director	Manager Governance	Chief Executive Officer	Mayor	Director	Director	Director
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UNVEILING OF HONORARY FREEMAN DAVID BOOTHMAN JP PORTRAIT

In October 2022, Council resolved (Council Resolution Number 1022/038) to bestow the honour and title of Honorary Freeman of the City of Stirling on Mr David Boothman JP.

At a Special Council meeting held 20 February 2023, Council resolved (Council Resolution Number 0223/001) to formally present the honour of Honorary Freeman of the City of Stirling to Mr David Boothman JP.

As is tradition of the City of Stirling, the bestowal of the title of Honorary Freeman is accompanied by the commissioning of a painted portrait. These portraits are displayed in the City of Stirling Parmelia Room.

In front of Elected Members, dignitaries, invited guests, family and friends of the City of Stirling, Mayor Mark Irwin, accompanied by Honorary Freeman David Boothman JP, unveiled the portrait to the meeting.



The details of the portrait are as follows:

Artist: Daevid Anderson

Title: "David Boothman, Freeman of the City of Stirling, Conferred 2023"

Medium: Oil on board

Dimensions: 1000mm x 750mm

9. CLOSURE

The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 7.06pm.

These minutes were confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings on:

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SIGNED:

Presiding Member Name:

PRESIDING MEMBER