

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



5:00 pm on Thursday, June 23 2022

Online/Virtual

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NEXT MEETING:

Monday June 27, 2022

COMMUNITY VISION 2021–2031

Greater Bendigo celebrates our diverse community.

We are welcoming, sustainable and prosperous.

Walking hand-in-hand with the Traditional Custodians of this land.

Building on our rich heritage for a bright and happy future.

The community vision is underpinned by five values – transparency, sustainability, inclusion, innovation and equity.

COUNCIL PLAN (MIR WIMBUL) – OUTCOMES

The [Council Plan](#) (Mir wimbul) is based on seven outcomes, which are the main focus of the Council Plan.

Each outcome has a set of goals, objectives and actions that will help to achieve the community vision, and indicators to measure achievement against each goal:

1. Lead and govern for all
2. Healthy, liveable spaces and places
3. Strong, inclusive and sustainable economy
4. Aboriginal reconciliation
5. A climate-resilient built and natural environment
6. A vibrant, creative community
7. A safe, welcoming and fair community

STAFF VALUES AND BEHAVIOURS

The City of Greater Bendigo's [values and behaviours](#) describe how Councillors and staff will work together to be the best we can for our community.

They are aligned to our strategic documents, such as the Council Plan, which ensures they are meaningful for Council and the organisation.

A shared commitment to living our values and behaviours will help us to build the type of culture we need to be able to work together and support each other to deliver the best possible outcomes for our community.



This Council Meeting is conducted in accordance with the

- Local Government Act 2020 as amended by the COVID19 Omnibus (Emergency Measures) Act 2020, and
- [Governance Rules](#)

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1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge that the City of Greater Bendigo is on Dja Dja Wurrung and Taungurung Country.

We would like to acknowledge and extend our appreciation to the Dja Dja Wurrung People, the Traditional Owners of the land that we are standing on today.

Today, we pay our respects to leaders and Elder's past, present and emerging for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and the hopes of all Dja Dja Wurrung People.

We express our gratitude in the sharing of this land, our sorrow for the personal, spiritual and cultural costs of that sharing and our hope that we may walk forward together in harmony and in the spirit of healing.

2. TRADITIONAL LANGUAGE STATEMENT

Bangek Knoorarook Bunjil Dja Dja Wurrung
William Talle tallingingorak wirrmbool bunjil

I honour the wisdom of the Dja Dja Wurrung.
We will speak words of truth and listen to your wisdom

3. OPENING STATEMENT

Opening Statement

This special meeting has been called by the CEO to deal solely with unexpected and urgent circumstances, as detailed in the single Agenda Item Report and in accordance with Rule 6.6.8 of the Governance Rules.

As allowed for under this Rule we have been unable to provide the otherwise requisite 7-days notice required under Rule 6.6.3. We have however provided as much public notice as we can and invited public attendance.

RESOLUTION - Resolution No. 2022/06(1).1

Moved: Cr O'Rourke

Seconded: Cr Sloan

That Council approve foregoing the requirements (of Governance Rule 6.7.4) that each meeting must include:

1. Confirmation of Previous Minutes
2. Public Petitions and Joint Letters
3. Urgent Business

For this meeting only.

CARRIED

4. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

4.1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance

Mayor Cr Andrea Metcalf
Deputy Mayor Cr Matthew Evans
Cr Jennifer Alden
Cr Rod Fyffe OAM
Cr Margaret O'Rourke
Cr Julie Sloan

Craig Niemann, Chief Executive Officer

Apologies

Cr David Fagg
Cr Greg Penna
Cr Vaughan Williams

RESOLUTION - Resolution No. 2022/06(1).2

Moved: Cr Fyffe
Seconded: Cr Evans

That any apologies are accepted.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Public Question Time

In accordance with Rule 6.2.1 of the Governance Rules each Council Meeting must allocate an Agenda Item to allow up to 30 minutes of public question time. However, as this meeting is called for a special purpose this requirement is exempt.

6. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No attendee declared a conflict of interest.

Section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (Vic) (**the Act**) provides that a relevant person must disclose a conflict of interest in respect of a matter and exclude themselves from the decision making process in relation to that matter including any discussion or vote on the matter at any Council meeting or delegated committee meeting and any action in relation to that matter.

The procedure for declaring a conflict of interest at a Council Meeting is set out at rule 18.2.4 of the Governance Rules.

Section 126 of the Act sets out that a relevant person (Councillor, member of a delegated Committee or member of Council staff) has a conflict of interest if the relevant person has a **general conflict of interest** or a **material conflict of interest**.

A relevant person has a **general conflict of interest** in a matter if an impartial, fair minded person would consider that the person's private interests could result in that person acting in a manner that is contrary to their public duty.

A relevant person has a **material conflict of interest** in a matter if an *affected person* would gain a benefit or suffer a loss depending on the outcome of the matter.

7. LEAD AND GOVERN FOR ALL

7.1. MAV State Council Representative

Author:	Geoff Fallon, Coordinator Governance
Responsible Director:	Craig Niemann, CEO

Purpose

The purpose of this Report is to seek urgent Council approval of an alternative substitute representative to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV).

Recommended Motion

That Council:

1. Approve Cr Dr Jen Alden as the alternative substitute representative to the MAV.
2. Authorise officers to submit the form at the attachment to MAV.

RESOLUTION - Resolution No. 2022/06(1).3

Moved: Cr O'Rourke

Seconded: Cr Evans

That the recommended motion be adopted.

CARRIED

Executive Summary

The next MAV State Council meeting is scheduled to occur tomorrow Friday June 24, 2022.

The City of Greater Bendigo's (the City) representative, Cr Rod Fyffe, is registered to attend, but has fallen ill. The City's substitute representative, Cr Marg O'Rourke, is unavailable to attend.

Only representatives, as resolved by Council, are entitled to vote on matters before State Council in accordance with the [MAV rules](#).

Background

The MAV is a membership association and the legislated peak body for local government in Victoria. The City is a member council.

The State Council is the governing body of MAV and meet at least twice each year to consider and vote upon member business.

Report

The next MAV State Council meeting will be held from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm on Friday 24 June 2022 at Sofitel Melbourne on Collins, 25 Collins Street Melbourne.

The City has submitted the Motion 58 Inclusionary Zoning, to the [MAV Agenda and Business Paper](#) (at page 242 of pack, numbered as page 93).

Priority/Importance

Given the State Council meeting is tomorrow and neither of the City representatives are available to attend it is Urgent that Council resolved this Motion.

Options considered

Council could choose to:

1. Nominate any alternative Councillor who is available to attend
2. Not send a representative
3. Send a representative to observe only.

Policy Context

Primary Council Plan Reference

City of Greater Bendigo Council Plan *Mir wimbul* 2021-2025
Outcome 1 - Lead and govern for all

Secondary Council Plan Reference(s)

Goal 4 - Leadership that sets a standard for good governance and integrity in action, working in partnership with regional Councils

Conflict of Interest

No officer involved in the preparation or approval of this report declared a general or material conflict of interest.

Attachments

Schedule 1 Nomination Form [7.1.1 - 1 page]

Rules Schedule 1

**Municipal Association of Victoria
SCHEDULE 1
Notification of appointment (Rule 6)**

The Chief Executive Officer
Municipal Association of Victoria

At the meeting of the Greater Bendigo City Council on June 23, 2022

Cr Rod Fyffe was appointed as the council's representative to the Association.

Cr Dr Jen Alden was appointed as the substitute representative to the Association.

Chief Executive Officer
Greater Bendigo City Council

8. CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business, this Council Meeting closed at 5:08 pm.