

**SPECIAL COUNCIL
MEETING
MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2014
3.30pm

MINUTES**

A Special Council Meeting of the Launceston City Council will be held at the Launceston City Reception Room, Town Hall on Monday 10 November 2014 commencing at 3.30pm.

**Present: Alderman A M van Zetten (Mayor)
 R I Soward (Deputy Mayor)
 R L McKendrick
 R J Sands
 D H McKenzie
 J G Cox
 D C Gibson
 J Finlay
 D W Alexander
 A E Dawkins
 S R F Wood
 E K Williams**

**In Attendance: Mr R S Dobrzynski (General Manager)
 Ms S Gallery (Corporate Governance Officer)
 Mrs L Hilkmann (Committee Clerk / Administration Officer)**

Apologies: Nil

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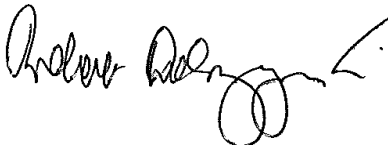
Section 65 Certificate of Qualified Advice

Background

Section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires the General Manager to certify that any advice, information or recommendation given to council is provided by a person with appropriate qualifications or experience.

Declaration

I certify that persons with appropriate qualifications and experience have provided the advice, information and recommendations given to Council in the agenda items for this meeting.



Robert Dobrzynski
General Manager

Agenda Item 1**Opening of Meeting**

At the Council Meeting held on 13 October 2014, the Council determined:

Pursuant to regulation 4(8) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005, that a Special Meeting of Council be convened commencing at 3.30pm on Monday 10 November 2014, to be held at the Town Hall, St John Street, Launceston.

The business of the Special Meeting shall be as follows:

the Aldermen's Declaration of Office and the robing of Aldermen elected to the Launceston City Council at the 2014 Tasmanian local government election.

Accordingly:

1. Pursuant to regulation 4(6) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005*, the General Manager must convene the Special Meeting of the Council in the event the Mayor is unable to do so
2. The General Manager shall assume the Chair and open the meeting in order to facilitate the Declaration of Office by elected Aldermen, enabling persons elected to act in the office of Alderman, Mayor and Deputy Mayor
3. After the Declaration of Office is concluded the Mayor shall assume the Chair.

The General Manager commenced proceedings at 3.30pm.

Agenda Item 2**Declaration of Office and Robing Of Aldermen**

In order to witness the Declaration of Office, robing and seating of the newly elected Aldermen to the Launceston City Council, the General Manager will announce each Alderman, other than the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, in order of election, who will enter the Chamber and come forward to:

- (i) undertake the Declaration of Office as indicated within Section 321 of the *Local Government Act 1993*
- (ii) be robed and seated at the Council table.

The General Manager introduced each of the elected Aldermen and invited them to undertake the Declaration of Office, which he witnessed. Each Alderman was then robed and seated at the Council table.

The Declaration of Office and robing was conducted in the following order:

1. Alderman Albert van Zetten
2. Alderman Hugh McKenzie
3. Alderman Danny Gibson
4. Alderman Janie Finlay
5. Alderman Rob Soward
6. Alderman Ted Sands
7. Alderman Jim Cox
8. Alderman Darren Alexander
9. Alderman Andrea Dawkins
10. Alderman Simon Wood
11. Alderman Emma Williams
12. Alderman Robin McKendrick

Agenda Item 3**Declaration of Office and Robing of Deputy Mayor**

In order to receive the newly elected Deputy Mayor of Launceston City Council, the General Manager will announce Alderman Rob Soward as Deputy Mayor of Council. Deputy Mayor Rob Soward will then come forward to:

- (i) undertake the Declaration of Office as indicated within Section 321 of the *Local Government Act 1993*
- (ii) be robed and seated at the Council table.

The General Manager announced Alderman Soward as the Deputy Mayor of Council. Alderman Soward was robed and seated in the Deputy Mayor's position.

Agenda Item 4**Declaration of Office and Robing of Mayor**

In order to receive the newly elected Mayor of the Launceston City Council, the General Manager will announce Alderman Albert van Zetten as Mayor of Council. Mayor van Zetten will come forward to:

- (i) undertake the Declaration of Office as indicated within Section 321 of the Local Government Act 1993
- (ii) be robed
- (iii) be invested with the Chain of Office by Mr Craig Spaulding, Mayor's Chaplain, who shall indicate in the following manner:

Regalia and insignia have been associated with public life in the history of the British peoples for many centuries. The robes worn by Her Majesty the Queen, the wigs and gowns of the law and the robes of the clergymen are all outward and visible signs of the Office held by the wearer. The Mayor's robes and chain are outward signs of the civic office to which he or she has been elected by her or his community.

In investing you with this Chain of Office, may I express the hope that there will never be wanting people of sound judgment and learning ready to undertake the work of Local Government as a vocation and that mutual service may unite all people of this municipality to work together for the common good.

You are asked to receive this chain as a token of your authority in the civic life of this community. Wear it without reproach and with dignity that befits your high office.

- (iv) assume the Chair.

The Mayor will assume the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

The General Manager announced Alderman Albert van Zetten as the Mayor of Council.

The newly elected Mayor, Alderman Albert van Zetten withdrew from the Council Chamber to be dressed in the robes of the Mayor.

Upon his return Alderman Albert van Zetten was invested with the Chain of Office of Mayor by the Mayor's Chaplain, Mr Craig Spaulding.

The Mayor took the Chair of the meeting at 3.40pm.

Agenda Item 5**Recording of Declaration of Office****FILE NO:** SF0106**AUTHOR:** Robert Dobrzynski**GENERAL MANAGER:** Robert Dobrzynski

DECISION STATEMENT:

To acknowledge and record the making of the Declaration of Office by the elected Aldermen.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Declarations of Office made under Section 321 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and in accordance with Schedule 2 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2005* by the elected Aldermen and as witnessed by the General Manager, be noted and form part of these minutes.

DECISION**RESOLUTION**

Moved Alderman R L McKendrick, seconded Alderman R I Soward

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 12:0

Agenda Item 6**Acknowledgement Statement - New Aldermen**

It is customary to allow the elected Aldermen a two minute period to address Council and thank the public and supporters.

The Aldermen addressed Council to thank the public and supporters in the following order:

1. Alderman D H McKenzie
2. Alderman D C Gibson
3. Alderman J Finlay
4. Alderman R J Sands
5. Alderman J G Cox
6. Alderman D W Alexander
7. Alderman A E Dawkins
8. Alderman S R F Wood
9. Alderman E K Williams
10. Alderman R L McKendrick

Agenda Item 7**Acknowledgement Statement - Deputy Mayor**

It is customary to allow the Deputy Mayor a five minute period to address Council and thank the public and supporters.

Deputy Mayor R I Soward addressed Council to thank the public and his supporters.

Agenda Item 8**Acknowledgement Statement - Mayor**

It is customary to allow the Mayor a ten minute period to address Council, to thank the public and supporters, and to indicate aspirations for the new term of the Council.

Mayor A M van Zetten addressed to Council to thank the public and supporters, and to indicate aspirations for the new term of the Council.

Agenda Item 9**Prayer**

The Mayor will invite the Mayor's Chaplain, Mr Craig Spaulding, to address the meeting in prayer.

The Mayor invited Mr Craig Spaulding to say a prayer before closing the meeting.

Agenda Item 10**Close of Special Meeting**

The Mayor closed the meeting at 4.17pm.