



**CITY OF
MONASH**

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
COUNCIL
HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2018**

at 7.00 pm

**Council Chambers
293 Springvale Road,
Glen Waverley**

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MONASH CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SPRINGVALE ROAD GLEN WAVERLEY
ON 12 NOVEMBER 2018 AT 7.00 PM.**

PRESENT: Councillors J Fergeus, S James, G Lake, B Little, P Klisaris, S McCluskey, R Paterson, MT Pang Tsoi

APOLOGIES:

Crs Saloumi, R Davies and T Zographos

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil.

ITEM OF BUSINESS

The Chief Executive Officer opened the meeting and stated that the purpose of the Special Meeting of Council was for the election of the Mayor for the 2018/2019 term of office and for the election of the Deputy Mayor for 2018/2019.

The Chief Executive Officer also advised that in accordance with the provisions of the Meeting Procedures Local Law, as the Chief Executive Officer, she was tasked with conducting the election of the Mayor.

ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR 2018/2019

The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations for Mayor for the 2018/2019 term of office.

Cr Paterson nominated Cr McCluskey.

There were no further nominations.

Accordingly, the Chief Executive Officer declared Cr McCluskey duly elected as Mayor for 2018/2019. She congratulated Cr McCluskey on his election and handed him the gavel as a symbol of office.

The new Mayor assumed control of the meeting and gave his acceptance speech, a copy of which is appended to the minutes.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2018/2019

The Mayor called for nominations for Deputy Mayor for 2018/2019.
Cr James nominated Cr Little.

Cr Fergeus nominated himself.

As there was more than one nomination received, the Mayor advised that a vote, by a show of hands for each nominee, in the order the nominations had been received, would be conducted.

The Mayor called for a show of hands for those Councillors voting for Cr Little.

The Mayor declared that as a majority of votes had been received for Cr Little, he declared Cr Little as Deputy Mayor for 2018/2019. He invited Cr Little to take the seat next to the Chief Executive Officer and make his acceptance speech.

Cr Little took his seat next to the Chief Executive Office and made his acceptance speech, a copy of which is appended to the minutes.

Cr Klisaris congratulated Crs McCluskey and Little on their election and thanked Cr McCluskey for his support as Deputy Mayor.

Cr Little congratulated Cr McCluskey on his election as Mayor. He also congratulated Cr Klisaris on his Mayoral term.

Cr Paterson congratulated Cr McCluskey on his election as Mayor and Cr Little as Deputy Mayor. Cr Paterson congratulated Cr Klisaris on a successful Mayoral term. Cr Paterson also congratulated Cr Fergeus for putting himself forward for Deputy Mayor.

The Mayor congratulated Cr Little on his election as Deputy Mayor, saying that he looked forward to working with him. He also congratulated Cr Fergeus for nominating himself for Deputy Mayor.

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.28 pm

MAYOR:

DATED THIS DAY OF 2018

SPEECH BY CR SHANE MCCLUSKEY, MAYOR

Can I begin by first acknowledging the incredible honour I have been given by my fellow Councillors, in being elected Mayor of our great city. Whilst it is *not* an honour I had contemplated upon, being elected to Council is one that I consider to be more than significant and one I will certainly cherish and respect. It comes with a high degree of responsibility and an expectation of leadership - both elements of the role, that among other qualities, I hope to fulfil and indeed add to, as I work to repay the faith shown in me tonight.

This past year I have also had the honour of serving as Deputy Mayor. In that time, I have enjoyed the unique opportunity to work with both our outgoing Mayor, Councillor Klisaris, and our CEO, Dr Andi Diamond. To you Councillor, I extend my sincere gratitude for enabling me to fulfil the Deputy role, with your support and encouragement. You gave me the opportunity to be engaged at a level that I don't imagine is afforded to all Deputies. That level of involvement and trust has enabled me to further develop both personally and as a Councillor. I sincerely congratulate you on the job you have done over the last 12 months and hope that me being able to rely upon you, and on occasion seek your counsel, doesn't diminish as you vacate the chair.

To our CEO... Andi, I am very much looking forward to not only working with you and Officers more closely over this mayoral term, but indeed in championing initiatives that I know we both value and I am sure the rest of Council does too. There is more to be said in that regard, but in thanking you for your guidance and support thus far in my time here, I look forward to developing that partnership further and working as a team within the team, to make this city an even better place to be.

It is no secret that some of my community connections are grounded in sport and recreation. I am a great believer in the many benefits that can be derived from being involved in sport or just generally engaged, be it passive or active. So many positives result from us all being active in some capacity, be it our physical and mental health, social interaction, community involvement and inclusion more broadly.

I have long been an advocate for increased and improved opportunities for women in sport. In my time over the next 12 months as Mayor and indeed beyond, I intend to work to ensure that Monash remains a leader in the area of gender equity and equal opportunity, not just in sport. I will soon be asking my Councillor colleagues, as part of the upcoming budget process, for their support in introducing a dedicated program to enhance the participation of women and girls in sport. In addition, the possibility of introducing built for purpose, modular toilet and changeroom facilities that not only are affordable and reduce the need for council to maintain under utilised and ageing infrastructure, but hopefully also alleviate forever, the situation of a young child or teenager, of any gender, having to use a toilet or urinal facility, as a change space.

Such programs, I think, dovetail directly into current programs and initiatives of Council such as the continual effort towards a dedicated Headspace facility in Monash, and the enormously successful and very important "Active Monash".

Only good will flow from Council's continued commitment to these and the many other complimentary Monash programs, so too will be the benefits to our Monash community. My personal commitment to those programs remains steadfast.

To my Councillor colleagues, I look forward to working even more closely with you all over the next 12 months and further enhancing the good working relationships that currently exist. I thank you all again for the opportunity to serve as Mayor.

In closing, I would like to take a moment to thank my family, and hopefully I can get through it without ending up a blubbering mess. I am joined tonight by my daughter Abiah, and sons Jackson and Thomas. Each have in their own way had to put up with me, my quirks, my coaching, my bad Dad jokes and sayings and all too many times, my absences. They are fantastic kids and I am indeed blessed to have the children and grandchildren that I do.

To my wife and best friend Michelle. Whilst we have all taken on our roles as Councillors willingly and knowingly, it can also prove to be somewhat selfish, with the amount of time we find ourselves away from our families. I am extremely lucky, grateful and indebted to my beautiful wife for all that she has done, and continues to do, in supporting me with whatever it is I do. Through adversity and adventure, you have been unwavering, and I cannot thank you enough for being in my life and that of our family. You Michelle, are a star.

Just on the off chance that my Mum and Dad have managed to work out the internet well enough to be tuning in now via livestream or catching up later via a link, I just wanted to quickly thank them for all they have done for me thus far. They have taught my 8 siblings and I the value of family. They are quality people. Any good character traits that I possess, I gained from them; any not so good ones, I produced myself.

And finally, to the community of Monash. I am very much looking forward to engaging further with you all over the next 12 months. In serving as your Mayor during that time, I hope to ensure that when it is time to vacate the chair, I can do so knowing that our city and community has been bettered in some way.

Thank you one and all.

SPEECH BY CR BRIAN LITTLE, DEPUTY MAYOR

Good Evening.

Can I start by thanking my fellow Councillors on their vote of support. It really is an honour, and I will do my best to demonstrate over the next twelve months the confidence that they have shown in me.

So let me say a huge congratulations to Councillor McCluskey on becoming Mayor. I can remember just two years ago, though it seems like both yesterday and a million years ago, the new Councillor standing up for the first time and that big voice booming over the Chamber and a somewhat hesitant beginning. But we have seen Shane develop quickly over the last two years and to find a voice that is at once reasoned and reasonable. He has championed a number of really good causes and has always made it clear where he stands and why he has taken the course that he has. It seems fitting now that he takes on the role of Mayor.

Let me express my congratulations to Councillor Klisaris on the completion of a very successful year for Monash. He seems to have been racing around all year attending sporting events and opening pavilions not to mention the odd synthetic pitch. And more recently receiving the largesse of State Government Ministers heading to Monash to give us money leading up to the election. It hasn't been an entirely smooth journey over the last year but Paul has been at the helm and steering us through sometimes pretty rocky waters. We have had some difficult issues to contend with and some controversies but he has been the rock solid captain of the ship leading us by example and principle through those sometimes stormy waters.

Which leads me to pay a tribute to our CEO Andi Diamond who has again lead us through a year of challenge and opportunity with tenacity, perseverance and total commitment. It is her leadership that really keeps Monash moving forward and achieving its successes despite the challenges of tighter finances with rate capping and reduced Government funding. It is her leadership that keeps this organisation moving forward and giving us Councillors the chance

to look good. At the risk of an over-used metaphor it is her leadership that ensures that ship Monash steers a course to success.

Again I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for the confidence they have shown in me: I am looking forward to the next twelve months and working with Shane and getting more involved in the nuts and bolts of Council workings. I feel confident that it will be another successful year.