



Moreland City Council

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MORELAND CIVIC CENTRE,
90 BELL STREET, COBURG
ON MONDAY 21 MARCH 2016**

The meeting commenced at 6.01 pm

PRESENT:

Cr Samantha Ratnam (Mayor), Cr Sue Bolton, Cr Helen Davidson, Cr John Kavanagh,
Cr Lenka Thompson, Cr Rob Thompson, Cr Oscar Yildiz JP

APOLOGIES:

Cr Tapinos and Cr Hopper.

Cr Kavanagh moved, Cr Davidson seconded that -

The apologies for Cr Tapinos and Cr Hopper be accepted.

Carried

OFFICERS:

Chief Executive Officer – Nerina Di Lorenzo
Director Corporate Services – James Scott
Director City Infrastructure – Grant Thorne
Director Social Development – Arden Joseph
Executive Manager Organisation Development - Anita Craven
Manager Governance – Lidia Harding

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Nil

COUNCIL REPORTS:

DCS12/16 ELECTION PERIOD POLICY (D16/76224)

The *Local Government Amendment (Improved Governance) Act 2015* requires Council to prepare, adopt and maintain an Election Period Policy in relation to procedures to be applied by Council during the election period for a general election. The Policy must be prepared and adopted by 31 March 2016 and following the election in October 2016, the Policy must be reviewed and if required amended not later than 12 months before the commencement of each subsequent general election period.

The Election Period Policy must include certain provisions:

- Prohibiting major policy decisions
- Preventing inappropriate decisions and misuse of resources
- Limiting public consultation and Council events
- Equitable access to Council information.

Any additional information in the policy is at the discretion of Council.

Cr Kavanagh moved, Cr L Thompson seconded that -

Council resolves to adopt the Election Period Policy at Attachment 1.

Amendment

Cr R Thompson moved, Cr Yildiz seconded that -

Dot point seven of point 4.5 Council Resources which reads: 'Councillors should make every effort to hide all photos taken with their Council provided equipment from their personal Facebook pages during this time' be deleted.

**The amendment was carried and became part of the substantive motion
The substantive motion was carried**

The meeting closed at 6.08 pm.

Confirmed

Cr Samantha Ratnam
MAYOR