



# **MELTON CITY COUNCIL**

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## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Melton City Council**

**6 November 2025**

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MELTON CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MELTON CIVIC CENTRE,  
232 HIGH STREET MELTON ON 6 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 7:00 PM

**Present:** Cr S Abboushi  
Cr L Carli  
Cr K Majdlik  
Cr B Morris  
Cr S Ramsey  
Cr J Shannon  
Cr B Turner  
Cr Dr P Zada

R Wai, Chief Executive Officer  
E Keogh, Head of Governance  
R Hodgson, Manager Governance  
T Delia, Senior Coordinator Governance  
B Bensley, Governance Officer

### **1. OPENING OF THE MEETING BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

The Chief Executive Officer opened the meeting at 7pm.

### **2. PRAYER AND RECONCILIATION STATEMENT**

The Chief Executive Officer invited The Mayor, Cr Abboushi to read the opening prayer and reconciliation statement.

### **3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Cr A Vandenberg and Cr J Verdon.

### **4. PRESENTATIONS TO OUTGOING MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR**

The outgoing Deputy Mayor, Cr Carli, made a presentation on behalf of the Councillors to the outgoing Mayor, Cr Abboushi.

The outgoing Mayor, Cr Abboushi, addressed the meeting in relation to his Mayoral year.

The outgoing Mayor, Cr Abboushi, made a presentation on behalf of the Councillors to the outgoing Deputy Mayor, Cr Carli.

The outgoing Deputy Mayor, Cr Carli, addressed the meeting in relation to her year as Deputy Mayor.

Councillors Majdlik, Ramsey, Turner, Morris, Shannon, and Zada expressed appreciation to Cr Abboushi and Cr Carli for their work during the term, respectively as Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

**Motion**

Crs Majdlik/Ramsey.

That Council acknowledges the efforts of Cr Abboushi and Cr Carli and, in accordance with Council policy, authorises the use of the Common Seal of Council on letters of appreciation to Cr Abboushi and Cr Carli in recognition of their civic roles and significant contribution to the Council and the City of Melton community.

**For:** Crs Abboushi, Carli, Majdlik, Morris, Ramsey, Shannon, Turner and Zada

**Against:** Nil

**Abstain:** Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 5. DETERMINING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

**Motion**

Crs Abboushi/Zada.

The pursuant to section 26(3) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the Mayor be elected for a one (1) year term.

**For:** Crs Abboushi, Carli, Majdlik, Morris, Ramsey, Shannon, Turner and Zada

**Against:** Nil

**Abstain:** Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 6. ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

The Chief Executive Officer noted the receipt of one nomination for the office of Mayor.

**Cr Carli** was nominated by **Cr Abboushi**.

**Cr Carli's** nomination was seconded by **Cr Madjlik**.

The Chief Executive Officer asked **Cr Carli** if she accepted the nomination and **Cr Carli** confirmed acceptance.

Having received only one nomination, the Chief Executive Officer declared **Cr Carli** elected as Mayor of the City of Melton.

The newly elected Mayor, Cr Carli, departed the meeting at 7.32pm to be formally robed and returned to the meeting at 7.34pm and assumed the Chair.

## 7. ADDRESS BY THE MAYOR

The Mayor, Cr Carli, addressed the meeting.

## 8. DETERMINING THE TERM OF THE OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR

### Motion

Crs Abboushi/Shannon.

That Council, pursuant to sections 27(2) and 26(3) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, elect the Deputy Mayor for a one (1) year term.

**For:** Crs Abboushi, Carli, Majdlik, Morris, Ramsey, Shannon, Turner and Zada

**Against:** Nil

**Abstain:** Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 9. ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor noted the receipt of one nomination for the office of Deputy Mayor.

**Cr Dr Zada** was nominated by **Cr Carli**.

**Cr Dr Zada's** nomination was seconded by **Cr Morris**.

The Mayor asked **Cr Dr Zada** if he accepted the nomination and **Cr Dr Zada** confirmed acceptance.

Having received only one nomination, the Mayor declared **Cr Dr Zada** elected as Deputy Mayor of the City of Melton.

## 10. ADDRESS BY THE DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor congratulated Cr Dr Zada on his election as Deputy Mayor and presented Cr Dr Zada with the Deputy Mayoral medallion.

The Deputy Mayor, Cr Dr Zada, addressed the meeting.

## 11. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

### Suspension of Standing Orders

Crs Ramsey/Majdlik.

That Standing Orders be suspended to enable Councillors to extend their congratulations to the newly elected Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

**For:** Crs Abboushi, Carli, Majdlik, Morris, Ramsey, Shannon, Turner and Zada

**Against:** Nil

**Abstain:** Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Crs Ramsey, Shannon, Morris, Abboushi, Zada, Majdlik, and Turner congratulated Cr Carli and Cr Dr Zada on their election to their respective offices.

**Resumption of Standing Orders**

Crs Zada/Morris.

That Standing Orders be resumed.

**For:** Crs Abboushi, Carli, Majdlik, Morris, Ramsey, Shannon, Turner and Zada

**Against:** Nil

**Abstain:** Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 12. 2026 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

**Motion**

Crs Majdlik/Zada.

That Council, in accordance with its Governance Rules, adopt the following Council Meeting Schedule for 2026 with all meetings to be held in person^ and commence at 7.00pm:

Date	Location
Monday, 23 February 2026	Council Chamber, Melton Civic Centre
Monday, 23 March 2026	Council Chamber, Melton Civic Centre
Monday, 27 April 2026	Council Chamber, Melton Civic Centre
Monday, 25 May 2026	Council Chamber, Melton Civic Centre
Monday, 22 June 2026	Council Chamber, Melton Civic Centre
Monday, 27 July 2026	Council Chamber, Melton Civic Centre
Monday, 24 August 2026	Council Chamber, Melton Civic Centre
Monday, 28 September 2026	Council Chamber, Melton Civic Centre
Monday, 26 October 2026	Council Chamber, Melton Civic Centre
Thursday, 5 November 2026*	Council Chamber, Melton Civic Centre
Monday, 23 November 2026	Council Chamber, Melton Civic Centre
Monday, 14 December 2026	Council Chamber, Melton Civic Centre

*\*Meeting for the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and setting of the 2027 meeting schedule.*

*^Subject to Government restrictions, whereby any affected meeting will be conducted electronically.*

**For:** Crs Abboushi, Carli, Majdlik, Morris, Ramsey, Shannon, Turner and Zada

**Against:** Nil

**Abstain:** Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**13. APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL'S AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE  
OF THE 2025/2026 MUNICIPAL YEAR****Motion**

Crs Ramsey/Abboushi.

That Council appoints the following two Councillors to the Audit and Risk Committee for the 2025/2026 Municipal Year:

1. Mayor, Cr Carli
2. Deputy Mayor, Cr Dr Zada

**For:** Crs Abboushi, Carli, Majdlik, Morris, Ramsey, Shannon, Turner and Zada

**Against:** Nil

**Abstain:** Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**14. CLOSE OF BUSINESS**

The meeting closed at 8.03pm.

Confirmed

Dated this

.....CHAIRPERSON