CITY OF Melton

Council Meeting Minutes

5 November 2026

Minutes of the Meeting of the Melton City Council

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MELTON CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MELTON CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MELTON CIVIC CENTRE,
232 HIGH STREET MELTON ON 5 NOVEMBER 2026 AT 6:00 PM

Present: Cr Steven Abboushi
Cr Lara Carli
Cr Kathy Majdlik
Cr Brandi Morris
Cr Sophie Ramsey
Cr Julie Shannon
Cr Bob Turner
Cr John Verdon
Cr Dr Phillip Zada

Roslyn Wai	Chief Executive Officer
Emily Keogh	Head of Governance
Renee Hodgson	Manager Governance
Troy Delia	Senior Coordinator Governance

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Chief Executive Officer opened the meeting at 6pm.

2. PRAYER AND RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

The Chief Executive Officer read the opening prayer and reconciliation statement.

3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Vandenberg is on an approved Leave of Absence.

4. PRESENTATIONS TO OUTGOING MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

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

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

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

The outgoing Deputy Mayor, Cr Dr Zada, addressed the meeting in relation to his year as Deputy Mayor.

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

Motion

Crs Majdlik/Ramsey

That Council acknowledges the efforts of Cr Carli and Cr Dr Zada in their civic roles and appreciates the significant contribution to the Council and the City of Melton community.

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

Against: Nil.

Abstain: Nil.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. DETERMINING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Motion

Crs Ramsey/Zada.

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

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

Against: Nil.

Abstain: Nil.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

The Chief Executive Officer noted the receipt of 1 nomination for the office of Mayor and confirmed with Councillors that there were no further nominations.

Cr Shannon was nominated by **Cr Majdlik**.

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

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

Having received only 1 nomination, the Chief Executive Officer declared **Cr Shannon** elected as Mayor of the City of Melton.

The newly elected Mayor, Cr Shannon, departed the meeting at 6.33pm to be formally robed and returned to the meeting at 6.38pm and assumed the Chair.

7. ADDRESS BY THE MAYOR

The Mayor, Cr Shannon, addressed the meeting.

8. DETERMINING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR

Motion

Crs Carli/Zada.

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

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

Against: Nil.

Abstain: Nil.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor noted the receipt of 1 nomination for the office of Deputy Mayor.

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

Cr Abboushi's nomination was seconded by **Cr Majdlik**.

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

The Mayor invited any further nominations from Councillors. No further nominations were received.

Having received only 1 nomination, the Mayor declared **Cr Abboushi** elected as Deputy Mayor of the City of Melton.

10. ADDRESS BY THE DEPUTY MAYOR

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

The Deputy Mayor, Cr Abboushi, addressed the meeting.

11. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

Suspension of Standing Orders

Crs Majdlik/Ramsey.

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, Verdon and Zada

Against: Nil.

Abstain: Nil.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resumption of Standing Orders

Crs Zada/Verdon.

That Standing Orders be resumed.

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

Against: Nil.

Abstain: Nil.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. 2027 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Motion

Crs Turner/Morris.

That Council, in accordance with its Governance Rules, adopt the following Council Meeting Schedule for 2027 with all meetings to be held in person^ and commence at 6.00pm:

Date	Location
Monday, 22 February 2027	Council Chamber, Melton Civic Centre
Monday, 22 March 2027	Council Chamber, Melton Civic Centre
Monday, 26 April 2027	Council Chamber, Melton Civic Centre
Monday, 24 May 2027	Council Chamber, Melton Civic Centre
Monday, 28 June 2027	Council Chamber, Melton Civic Centre
Monday, 26 July 2027	Council Chamber, Melton Civic Centre
Monday, 23 August 2027	Council Chamber, Melton Civic Centre
Monday, 27 September 2027	Council Chamber, Melton Civic Centre
Monday, 25 October 2027	Council Chamber, Melton Civic Centre
Thursday, 4 November 2027*	Council Chamber, Melton Civic Centre
Monday, 22 November 2027	Council Chamber, Melton Civic Centre
Monday, 13 December 2027	Council Chamber, Melton Civic Centre

**Meeting for the election of the Mayor and, if determined, the Deputy Mayor (not required if a 2-year Mayoral term determined) and setting of the 2028 meeting schedule.*

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

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

Against: Nil.

Abstain: Nil.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13 COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL'S AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE 2026/2027

Motion

Crs Majdlik/Ramsey.

That, for the 2026/27 municipal year, Council appoint Cr Shannon and Cr Abboushi to Council's Audit and Risk Committee.

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

Against: Nil.

Abstain: Nil.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. CLOSE OF BUSINESS

The meeting closed at 7.17pm.

Confirmed

Dated this

.....CHAIRPERSON