

MANNINGHAM

# ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Tuesday, 19 November 2024</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Council Chamber, Civic Centre 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster</b>

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**MANNINGHAM CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 7:00PM  
IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE  
699 DONCASTER ROAD, DONCASTER**

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The meeting commenced at 7:00pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Peter Bain  
Councillor Anna Chen  
Councillor Andrew Conlon  
Councillor Deirdre Diamante  
Councillor Isabella Eltaha  
Councillor Geoff Gough  
Councillor Jim Grivas  
Councillor Carli Lange  
Councillor Laura Mayne

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Chief Executive Officer, Mr Andrew Day  
Director City Planning & Liveability, Mr Andrew McMaster  
Director Experience and Capability, Ms Kerryn Paterson  
Director City Services, Ms Rachelle Quattrocchi  
Director Connected Communities, Ms Lee Robson  
Manager Integrity, Ms Carrie Bruce

*In order to facilitate the meeting until a Mayor is elected, Council is required to appoint a temporary Chair.*

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**MOVED:** CR ANNA CHEN  
**SECONDED:** CR LAURA MAYNE

In accordance with sub rule 69.2 of the Governance Rules, Council appoints Cr Carli Lange to act as temporary Chair of the proceedings until the Mayor is elected at Item 4 on this Agenda.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 1 COMMENCEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS

The Chair, Cr Lange opened the meeting and commenced proceedings by reading the prayer and statements of acknowledgment.

The Mayor recognised and acknowledged the following members in the gallery:

- Ron Kitchingman OAM JP - Former Mayor and Councillor and holder of the Key to the City
- Paula Piccinini - Former Mayor and Councillor
- Mike Zafiropoulos AM JP – Former Councillor
- Brian Tyedin - 2024 Citizen of the Year
- Anthony Milicia – Sports Volunteer of the Year
- Luke Bastain – Volunteer of the Year
- Dennis Clarke - 2023 Citizen of the Year

## 2 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

## 3 MAYORAL TERM

Before the Mayor is elected, Council must determine pursuant to section 26(3) of the *Local Government Act 2020* whether the Mayor is to be elected for a 1 year or 2 year term.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**MOVED: CR ANDREW CONLON**  
**SECONDED: CR JIM GRIVAS**

**That Council determine the Mayor be elected for a one year term.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 4 ELECTION OF MAYOR

The election of the Mayor was facilitated by the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to section 25(3) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and in accordance with Council's Governance Rules.

The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations for the position of Mayor for 2024-2025.

Cr Carli Lange nominated and Cr Andrew Conlon seconded the nomination of Cr Deirdre Diamante.

There were no further nominations and the Chief Executive Officer declared Cr Deirdre Diamante duly elected as Mayor for 2024-2025.

*The Mayor was robed and enchainned. The Mayor assumed the Chair.*

### CONGRATULATORY MOTION

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**MOVED: CR CARLI LANGE**  
**SECONDED: CR PETER BAIN**

**On behalf of Council and the residents of the municipality, congratulations be extended to Cr Deirdre Diamante on being elected as Mayor of Manningham City Council.**

**.CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillors Lange, Conlon, Mayne, Grivas and Gough congratulated Cr Diamante on her election as Mayor.

The Chief Executive Officer congratulated the Mayor on behalf of the organisation.

## 5 RESPONSE FROM NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR

The newly elected Mayor Deirdre Diamante responded to Council on her appointment as Mayor for 2024-2025.

## 6 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The election of the Deputy Mayor was undertaken pursuant to section 27 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and in accordance with Council's Governance Rules.

The Mayor called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor for 2024-2025.

Cr Deidre Diamante nominated and Cr Carli Lange seconded the nomination of Cr Andrew Conlon.

As there were no further nominations, the Mayor declared Cr Andrew Conlon duly elected as Deputy Mayor for 2024-2025.

## 7 INTRODUCTORY STATEMENTS

The Mayor welcomed the newly elected Council and invited each Councillor to provide an introductory statement. The Mayor began by calling on the newly elected Deputy Mayor, Cr Andrew Conlon from Currawong Ward. The following Councillors were then invited to provide their introductory statements.

- Cr Peter Bain, Manna Ward
- Cr Anna Chen, Waldau Ward
- Cr Isabella Eltaha, Westerfolds Ward
- Cr Geoff Gough, Bolin Ward
- Cr Jim Grivas, Ruffey Ward
- Cr Carli Lange, Yarra Ward
- Cr Laura Mayne, Schramm Ward

## 8 OATH AND AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE

Section 30 of the *Local Government Act 2020* specifies that the taking of the Oath or Affirmation of Office must be recorded in the minutes of the Council, whether or not it occurs at a Council meeting.

On Wednesday, 13 November 2024, the Chief Executive Officer administered the oath and affirmation of office for Councillors-elect.

The oaths and affirmations were taken in the following order:

- Peter Bain representing Manna Ward
- Anna Chen representing Waldau Ward
- Andrew Conlon representing Currawong Ward
- Deidre Diamante representing Tullamore Ward
- Isabella Eltaha representing Westerfolds Ward
- Geoff Gough representing Bolin Ward
- Jim Grivokostopoulos representing Ruffey Ward
- Carli Lange representing Yarra Ward
- Laura Mayne representing Schramm Ward

A signed record of the oaths and affirmations can be found on the following pages.

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# OATH OF OFFICE

*Local Government Act 2020*

I, PETER BAIN

will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the *Local Government Act 2020* and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement.



**Peter Bain**  
Manna Ward Councillor

*I certify that the Oath of Office was made before me, Andrew Day, Chief Executive Officer on the 13 November 2024.*



**Andrew Day**  
Chief Executive Officer



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# AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE

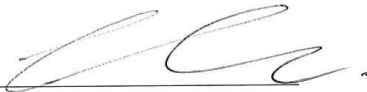
*Local Government Act 2020*

I, ANNA CHEN

will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the *Local Government Act 2020* and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement.



**Anna Chen**  
Waldau Ward Councillor

*I certify that the Affirmation of Office was made before me, Andrew Day, Chief Executive Officer on the 13 November 2024.*



**Andrew Day**  
Chief Executive Officer





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# OATH OF OFFICE

*Local Government Act 2020*

I, ANDREW CONLON

will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

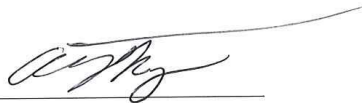
I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the *Local Government Act 2020* and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement.



**Andrew Conlon**  
Currawong Ward Councillor

*I certify that the Oath of Office was made before me, Andrew Day, Chief Executive Officer on the 13 November 2024.*



**Andrew Day**  
Chief Executive Officer



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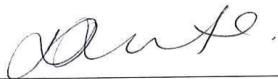
*Local Government Act 2020*

I, DEIRDRE DIAMANTE

will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the *Local Government Act 2020* and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement.



**Deirdre Diamante**  
Tullamore Ward Councillor

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**Andrew Day**  
Chief Executive Officer



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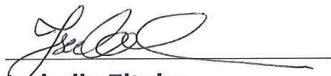
*Local Government Act 2020*

I, ISABELLA ELTAHA

will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the *Local Government Act 2020* and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement.



**Isabella Eltaha**  
Westerfolds Ward Councillor

*I certify that the Oath of Office was made before me, Andrew Day, Chief Executive Officer on the 13 November 2024.*



**Andrew Day**  
Chief Executive Officer



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# OATH OF OFFICE

*Local Government Act 2020*

I, **GEOFF GOUGH**

will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

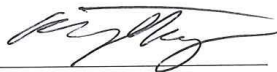
I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the *Local Government Act 2020* and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement.



**Geoff Gough**  
Bolin Ward Councillor

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**Andrew Day**  
Chief Executive Officer



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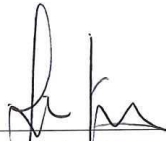
*Local Government Act 2020*

I, JIM GRIVOKOSTOPOULOS

will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the *Local Government Act 2020* and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement.



**Jim Grivokostopoulos**  
Ruffey Ward Councillor

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**Andrew Day**  
Chief Executive Officer





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# OATH OF OFFICE

*Local Government Act 2020*

I, CARLI LANGE

will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the *Local Government Act 2020* and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement.



**Carli Lange**  
Yarra Ward Councillor

*I certify that the Oath of Office was made before me, Andrew Day, Chief Executive Officer on the 13 November 2024.*



**Andrew Day**  
Chief Executive Officer



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# AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE

*Local Government Act 2020*

I, LAURA MAYNE

will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the *Local Government Act 2020* and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement.



**Laura Mayne**  
Schramm Ward Councillor

*I certify that the Affirmation of Office was made before me, Andrew Day, Chief Executive Officer on the 13 November 2024.*



**Andrew Day**  
Chief Executive Officer



The meeting concluded at 8:00pm

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Chairperson  
CONFIRMED THIS 26 NOVEMBER 2024