



Shire of
Serpentine
Jarrahdale

**Swearing In Ceremony
and
Special Council Meeting
Confirmed Minutes**

**Monday, 18 October 2021
6:00pm**

- Purpose:**
- Election of Shire President
 - Election of Deputy Shire President
 - Allocation of Seating

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Minutes of the Swearing In Ceremony and Special Council Meeting of the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale held on Monday, 18 October 2021 in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre, 6 Paterson Street, Mundijong.

Swearing In Ceremony

1. Introduction and welcome

Chief Executive Officer, Mr Paul Martin commenced proceedings at 6:04pm and welcomed attendees, acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the traditional land of the Noongar People and paid his respects to the Traditional Owners, Elders Past, Present and Emerging.

The Chief Executive Officer welcomed Mr Athol Wigg, Justice of the Peace and outgoing Councillors McConkey and Denholm, Distinguished Guests, and provided an overview of the evening's programme.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the event would be conducted in two parts, firstly the Declaration by newly elected Councillors, then secondly, the Special Council Meeting involving the election of the Shire President, Deputy Shire President and determining of Councillor seating allocation.

2. Declaration of Council Members

In accordance with section 2.29 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, Councillors-elect declared an Oath of Office in the presence of Mr Athol Wigg, JP:

Councillor Morgan Byas.

Councillor Rob Coales.

Councillor Tricia Duggin.

Councillor Gurdeep (Gary) Singh.



Special Council Meeting Agenda

Opening of the Special Council Meeting

In accordance with clause 3 of schedule 2.3 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the Chief Executive Officer declared the Special Council Meeting open at 6:14pm.

1. Election of Shire President

The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations for the position of Shire President for the ensuing two-year term.

Nominations were received in writing from Councillor Rich and Councillor Coales.

The Chief Executive Officer asked if there were any further nominations. No further nominations were received. The Chief Executive Officer advised a ballot would be held for the position.

A draw was conducted for the order of names on the ballot paper.

Position number 1 on the ballot paper was Councillor Rob Coales.

Position number 2 on the ballot paper was Councillor Michelle Rich.

A ballot paper was prepared listing the candidates in the order as above.

The Chief Executive Officer advised Councillors that while there are no provisions in the *Local Government Act 1995* or the Shire's Standing Orders, in previous years, nominees for the position of Shire President have been invited to provide a short statement in favour of their candidature.

The Chief Executive Officer therefore invited the candidates to speak in the order of their position on the ballot paper. The Chief Executive Officer asked that the candidate statements be limited to three minutes.

Councillor Coales and Councillor Rich each made a statement in support of their respective nominations.

A ballot paper was issued to each Councillor with the back of the ballot paper being initialled by the Chief Executive Officer.

Councillors completed their ballot paper in a secluded booth and lodged their ballot paper in the sealed ballot box.

Once all Councillors had voted, the Chief Executive Officer counted the votes, overseen by Dr Kenneth Parker, Manager Governance and Strategy.

Councillor Coales received 3 votes.

Councillor Rich received 6 votes.

The Chief Executive Officer declared Councillor Rich as Shire President for the ensuing two-year term, expiring at the Local Government Elections in October 2023.

1.1 Declaration by Shire President

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 13(1)(c) of the *Local Government (Constitution) Regulations 1998*, the Shire President, Councillor Rich made her declaration in the presence of Mr Athol Wigg, JP.



Councillor Rich assumed the Chair as the Presiding Member at 6:39pm.

2. Election of Deputy Shire President

The Presiding Member, Councillor Rich called for nominations for the position of Deputy Shire President for the ensuing two-year term.

One nomination was received in writing prior to the meeting, from Councillor Dave Atwell.

The Presiding Member, Councillor Rich asked if there were any further nominations. No further nominations were received. There being no further nominations, the Presiding Member, Councillor Rich declared Councillor Atwell as Deputy Shire President for the ensuing two-year term, expiring at the Local Government Elections in October 2023.

2.1 Declaration by Deputy Shire President

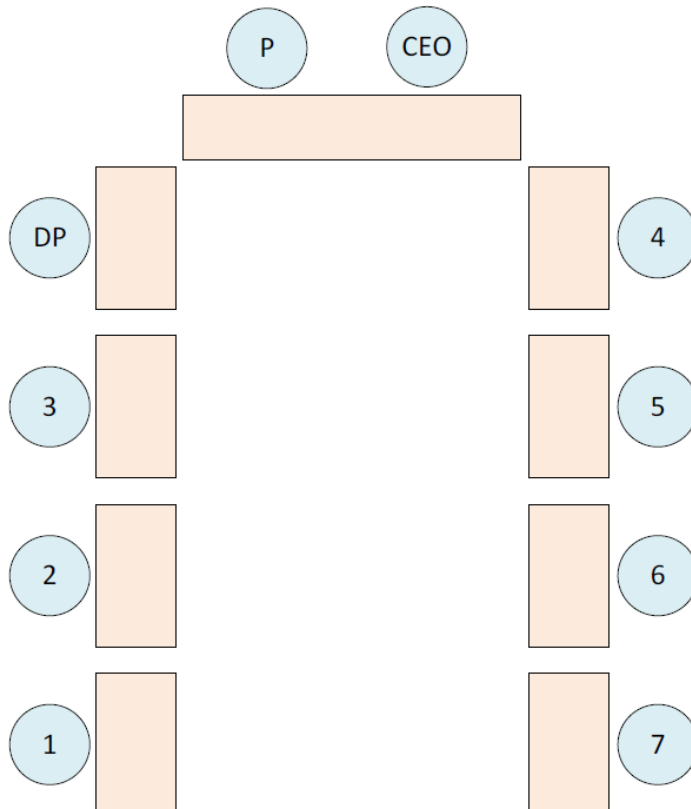
In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 13(1)(c) *Local Government (Constitution) Regulations 1998*, the Deputy Shire President made his declaration in the presence of Mr Athol Wigg, JP.

Councillor Atwell took his seat as Deputy Shire President.

3. Allocation of seating

In accordance with Clause 8.2 of the Shire's *Standing Orders Local Law 2002* (as amended), the Chief Executive Officer conducted a random draw for the allocation of Councillor seat positions in the Chambers at Council and Committee Meetings.

The seating allocation for the ensuing two years, expiring at the Local Government Elections in 2023 is as follows:





- Seat 1 – Councillor Dean Strautins
- Seat 2 – Councillor Michael Dagostino
- Seat 3 – Councillor Tricia Duggin
- Seat 4 – Councillor Morgan Byas
- Seat 5 – Councillor Lauren Strange
- Seat 6 – Councillor Gary Singh
- Seat 7 – Councillor Rob Coales

Following the seating allocation for Councillors, the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale’s Directors took their allocated seats.

4. Attendances and apologies (including leave of absence)

In Attendance:

- Councillors:** M Rich.....Presiding Member (from 6:39pm)
D Atwell
M Byas
R Coales
M Dagostino
T Duggin
G Singh
L Strange
D Strautins

- Officers:** Mr P Martin.....Chief Executive Officer
Ms H Sarcich.....Deputy CEO / Director Community
and Organisational Development
Mr F SullivanDirector Corporate Services
Mr A TrosicDirector Development Services
Mr R NajafzadehDirector Infrastructure Services
Dr K ParkerManager Governance and Strategy
Ms M Gibson.....Governance Officer – Council and Committees
(Minute Taker)

Apologies: Nil.

Invited Guests: Mr Athol Wigg, Justice of the Peace

Observers: Members of the Public – 26
Members of Staff – 4
Members of the Media - 1

5. Public question time:

No public questions were submitted prior to the meeting.

Presiding Member, Councillor Rich asked if there were any public questions from the floor.

No public questions were asked.



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6. Public statement time:

Nil.

7. Petitions and deputations:

Nil.

8. Motions of which notice has been given:

Nil.

9. Chief Executive Officer reports:

Nil.

10. Urgent business:

10.1 – 2021 Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale Local Government Election

Voting Requirements: Simple Majority

OCM054/10/21

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Coales, seconded Cr Dagostino

That Council REQUESTS that the Chief Executive Officer write to the Minister for Local Government and the Commissioner of the Western Australian Electoral Commission to investigate and review the conduct, process and results of the 2021 Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale Local Government Election.

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11. Councillor questions of which notice has been given:

Nil.

12. Closure:

There being no further business the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 6:57pm.

I certify that these minutes were confirmed at the
Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 November 2021.


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Presiding Member - Councillor Rich

22/11/2021

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Date