

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF THE FRANKSTON CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, DAVEY STREET, FRANKSTON
ON 10 DECEMBER 2025 at 7:02 PM**

PRESENT	Cr. David Asker Cr. Sue Baker Cr. Kris Bolam Cr. Nathan Butler Cr. Steffie Conroy Cr. Emily Green Cr. Brad Hill Cr. Michael O'Reilly Cr. Cherie Wanat
APOLOGIES:	Nil.
ABSENT:	Nil.
OFFICERS:	Cam Arullanantham, Interim Chief Executive Officer Kim Jaensch, Director Corporate and Commercial Services Tammy Beauchamp, Acting Director Communities Luke Ure, Acting Director Infrastructure and Operations Nathan Upson, Acting Director Customer Innovation and Arts Brianna Alcock, Manager Governance Tenille Craig, Coordinator Governance
EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES:	Nil.

In accordance with the Local Government Act Section 25(3) and Council's Governance Rules, Section 6.1, the Chief Executive Officer took the Chair and Opened the Meeting.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The CEO acknowledged the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation – the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we stand, and paid respect to Elders past, present and future. Respect was also extended to Elders of other communities who may have been present.

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1. APOLOGIES

NIL.

2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST AND DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

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3. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF OFFICERS

3.1 Adoption of term for the Office of the Mayor

(TC Corporate and Commercial Services)

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Hill

Seconded: Councillor Baker

That Council resolves to elect the Mayor for a 1 year term for 2025-2026 (from the date of this meeting until the date and time of the next election for the Mayor).

Carried Unanimously

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3.2 Election of the Mayor for 2025-2026*(TC Corporate and Commercial Services)*

The Chief Executive Officer outlined the process for the election of the Mayor and invited nominations for the Office of Mayor for the 2025/2026 Council year.

Cr O'Reilly nominated Cr Baker for the Office of the Mayor and Cr Wanat seconded the nomination.

Cr Butler nominated himself for the Office of the Mayor and Cr Bolam seconded the nomination.

In accordance with Council's Governance Rules both candidates spoke to their nomination.

There being two nominations the Chief Executive Officer invited Councillors to vote for their preferred candidate by show of hands and noted 5 votes in favour of Cr. Baker and 4 votes in favour of Cr. Butler, as detailed below:

In favour of Cr Sue Baker: Cr O'Reilly, Cr Wanat, Cr Conroy, Cr Baker, Cr Hill (5)

In favour of Cr Nathan Butler: Cr Bolam, Cr Green, Cr Asker, Cr Butler (4)

Having received an absolute majority of votes, the Chief Executive Officer declared Cr Baker elected to the position of Mayor of Frankston City Council for the 2025-2026 period.

Recommendation (Director Corporate and Commercial Services)

That, on the declaration of the result of the Mayoral Election by the Chief Executive Officer, the successful candidate Cr _____ is elected Mayor of Frankston City Council for 2025-26 (from the date of this meeting until the time and on the day of the next election of the Mayor).

Council Decision**Moved: Councillor Hill****Seconded: Councillor Butler**

That, on the declaration of the result of the Mayoral Election by the Chief Executive Officer, the successful candidate Cr Baker is elected Mayor of Frankston City Council for 2025-26 (from the date of this meeting until the time and on the day of the next election of the Mayor).

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Baker assumed the chair and addressed the meeting.

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3.3 Adoption of term for the Office of the Deputy Mayor

(TC Corporate and Commercial Services)

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Butler

Seconded: Councillor Green

That Council:

1. Resolves to establish the position of Deputy Mayor; and
2. Resolves to elect the Deputy Mayor for a 1 year term for 2025-2026 (from the date of this meeting until the date and time of the next election for the Deputy Mayor).

Carried Unanimously

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3.4 Election of the Deputy Mayor for 2025-2026

(TC Corporate and Commercial Services)

The Mayor outlined the process for the election of the Deputy Mayor and invited nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor for the 2025-26 Council year.

Cr Hill nominated Cr Wanat for the Office of the Deputy Mayor and Cr O'Reilly seconded the nomination.

Cr Butler nominated Cr Green for the Office of the Deputy Mayor and Cr Asker seconded the nomination.

There being two nominations, the Chief Executive Officer invited Councillors to vote for their preferred candidate by show of hands and noted 5 votes in favour of Cr. Wanat and 4 votes in favour of Cr. Green, as detailed below:

In favour of Cr Charie Wanat: Cr Hill, Cr O'Reilly, Cr Wanat, Cr Conroy, Cr Baker (5)

In favour of Cr Emily Green: Cr Green, Cr Asker, Cr Bolam, Cr Butler (4)

Having received an absolute majority of votes, the Chief Executive Officer declared Cr Wanat elected to the position of Deputy Mayor of Frankston City Council for the 2025-2026 period.

Recommendation (Director Corporate and Commercial Services)

That, on the declaration of the result of the Deputy Mayoral Election by the Chair, the successful candidate Cr _____ is elected Deputy Mayor of Frankston City Council for 2025-26 (from the date of this meeting until the time and on the day of the next election for the Deputy Mayor).

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Green

Seconded: Councillor Hill

That, on the declaration of the result of the Deputy Mayoral Election by the Chair, the successful candidate Cr Wanat is elected Deputy Mayor of Frankston City Council for 2025-26 (from the date of this meeting until the time and on the day of the next election for the Deputy Mayor).

Carried Unanimously

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3.5 Presentation of Letter Under Seal to outgoing Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2024-2025

(TC Corporate and Commercial Services)

Suspension of Standing Orders

Moved: Councillor Asker

Seconded: Councillor Conroy

That standing orders be suspended.

Carried Unanimously

Resumption of Standing Orders

Moved: Councillor Bolam

Seconded: Councillor Hill

That standing orders be resumed.

Carried Unanimously

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Butler

Seconded: Councillor Hill

That the presentation of Letters Under Seal to outgoing the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2024-2025 be received.

Carried Unanimously

3.6 Adoption of Council Meeting Dates for 2026

(TC Corporate and Commercial Services)

Council Decision**Moved: Councillor Green****Seconded: Councillor Hill**

That Council:

1. Sets the following Council Meeting dates for 2026:
 - Wednesday, 28 January 2026
 - Monday, 23 February 2026
 - Monday, 16 March 2026School holidays: 3 April to 19 April
 - Monday, 20 April 2026
 - Monday, 11 May 2026
 - Monday, 1 June 2026
 - Monday, 22 June 2026School holidays: 27 June to 12 July
 - Monday, 13 July 2026
 - Monday, 3 August 2026
 - Monday, 24 August 2026
 - Monday, 14 September 2026School holidays: 19 September to 4 October
 - Monday, 5 October 2026
 - Monday 26 October 2026
 - Monday 16 November 2026
 - Wednesday, 25 November 2026: Annual General Meeting
 - Monday, 7 December 2026
2. Notes the Annual General Meeting is to elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the following year;
3. Notes council matters will continue to be presented for Council's consideration at each three-weekly Council meeting;
4. Notes the meetings will commence at 7:00pm and held at Frankston Civic Centre, unless advised otherwise; and
5. Notes the meeting dates, set out in part 1 of the recommendation, will be advertised by way of public notice and on Council's website.

Carried Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8.25pm
Meeting resumed at 8:35pm

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3.7 Councillor Delegates to External Organisations and Internal Committees for 2026

(TC Corporate and Commercial Services)

Recommendation (Director Corporate and Commercial Services)

That Council:

1. Endorses the following appointments be made to external organisations:
 - i. Cr _____ be appointed as a Councillor delegate to the Association of Bayside Municipalities and Cr _____ be appointed as the substitute Councillor delegate.
 - ii. The Mayor and Cr _____ be appointed as Councillor delegates to the Frankston Charitable Fund Committee of Management.
 - iii. The Mayor be appointed as the Councillor delegate to the Frankston Revitalisation Board.
 - iv. The Mayor be appointed as the Councillor delegate to the Greater South East Melbourne Group.
 - v. The Mayor be appointed as the Councillor delegate to the Municipal Association of Victoria and Cr _____ be appointed as the substitute Councillor delegate.
 - vi. Cr _____ be nominated as Council's delegate/s at the National General Assembly 2025.
 - vii. Cr _____ be nominated as Council's delegate to the Peninsula Leisure Pty Ltd Board.
 - viii. Cr _____ be appointed as the Councillor delegate to the Youth Advisory Council.
2. Endorses the following appointments to internal committees to be made:
 - i. The Mayor and Cr _____ be appointed as Councillor delegates to the Audit and Risk Committee.
 - ii. Cr _____ be appointed as Councillor delegate to the Australia's Most Accessible Beach Advisory Committee.
 - iii. Cr _____, Cr _____ and Cr _____ be appointed as Councillor delegates to the Chief Executive Officer Employment and Remuneration Committee.
 - iv. Cr _____ be appointed as the Councillor delegate to the Disability Access and Inclusion Committee.
 - v. Cr _____, Cr _____ and Cr _____ be appointed as Councillor delegates to the Frankston Arts Advisory Committee.
 - vi. Cr _____ and Cr _____ be appointed as Councillor delegates to the Foreshore Advisory Committee.
 - vii. Cr _____, Cr _____ and Cr _____ be appointed as Councillor delegates to the Frankston Cemetery Trust Committee.
 - viii. The Mayor, Cr _____ and Cr _____ be appointed as Councillor delegates to the Housing Advisory Committee.
 - ix. Cr _____ and Cr _____ be appointed as Councillor delegates to the Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee.
 - x. Cr _____ and Cr _____ be appointed as Councillor delegates to the Sport & Recreation Advisory Committee.

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3. Notes the committees listed below will be removed from the Councillor delegate list:
 - i. Australian Local Government Women's Association – due to there being no committee for this association;
4. Notes the meeting times and dates for Committees, where a Councillor or Councillors are Councillor delegates, be arranged having regard to the availability of all participants including Councillor(s);
5. Notes the minutes/activities of various internal and external committees are provided to Councillors via Councillor Portal or report to Council; and
6. Notes the highlights of the activities of any of the external and internal committees, if not otherwise reported to Councillors, would be provided from time to time in the Governance Matters report.

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Hill

Seconded: Councillor Butler

That Council:

1. Endorses the following appointments be made to external organisations:
 - i. Cr Emily Green be appointed as a Councillor delegate to the Association of Bayside Municipalities.
 - ii. Mayor Baker, and Cr Kris Bolam be appointed as Councillor delegates to the Frankston Charitable Fund Committee of Management.
 - iii. Mayor Baker be appointed as the Councillor delegate to the Frankston Revitalisation Board.
 - iv. Mayor Baker be appointed as the Councillor delegate to the Greater South East Melbourne Group.
 - v. Mayor Baker be appointed as the Councillor delegate to the Municipal Association of Victoria and Deputy Mayor Wanat be appointed as the substitute Councillor delegate.
 - vi. Cr Nathan Butler be nominated as Council's delegate/s at the National General Assembly 2026.
 - vii. Deputy Mayor Wanat be nominated as Council's delegate to the Peninsula Leisure Pty Ltd Board.
 - viii. Cr Emily Green be appointed as the Councillor delegate to the Youth Advisory Council.
2. Endorses the following appointments to internal committees to be made:
 - i. Mayor Baker and Deputy Mayor Wanat be appointed as Councillor delegates to the Audit and Risk Committee.
 - ii. Cr Nathan Butler be appointed as Councillor delegate to the Australia's Most Accessible Beach Advisory Committee.
 - iii. Mayor Baker, Cr Steffie Conroy and Cr Kris Bolam be appointed as Councillor delegates to the Chief Executive Officer Employment and Remuneration Committee.
 - iv. Cr Michael O'Reilly be appointed as the Councillor delegate to the Disability Access and Inclusion Committee.
 - v. Mayor Baker, Cr Brad Hill and Cr David Asker be appointed as Councillor delegates to the Frankston Arts Advisory Committee.

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- vi. Cr Brad Hill and Cr Michael O'Reilly be appointed as Councillor delegates to the Foreshore Advisory Committee.
 - vii. Mayor Baker, Cr Steffie Conroy and Cr David Asker be appointed as Councillor delegates to the Frankston Cemetery Trust Committee.
 - viii. Mayor Baker, Cr Nathan Butler and Cr Brad Hill be appointed as Councillor delegates to the Housing Advisory Committee.
 - ix. Cr Emily Green be appointed as Councillor delegate to the Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee.
 - x. Cr Cherie Wanat and Cr Brad Hill be appointed as Councillor delegates to the Sport & Recreation Advisory Committee.
- 3. Notes the committees listed below will be removed from the Councillor delegate list:
 - i. Australian Local Government Women's Association – due to there being no committee for this association;
 - 4. Notes the committee listed below will be added to the Councillor delegate list:
 - i. Frankston Housing Acceleration Taskforce – Mayor Baker to be appointed as Councillor delegate
 - 5. Notes the meeting times and dates for Committees, where a Councillor or Councillors are Councillor delegates, be arranged having regard to the availability of all participants including Councillor(s);
 - 6. Notes the minutes/activities of various internal and external committees are provided to Councillors via Councillor Portal or report to Council; and
 - 7. Notes the highlights of the activities of any of the external and internal committees, if not otherwise reported to Councillors, would be provided from time to time in the Governance Matters report.

Carried Unanimously

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