MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE FRANKSTON CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, DAVEY STREET, FRANKSTON
ON 8 NOVEMBER 2018 at 7.10PM

PRESENT
Cr. Colin Hampton
Cr. Sandra Mayer
Cr. Glenn Aitken
Cr. Brian Cunial
Cr. Michael O'Reilly
Cr. Steve Toms
Cr. Quinn McCormack
Cr. Kris Bolam
Cr. Lillian O'Connor

APOLOGIES:
Nil.

ABSENT:
Nil.

OFFICERS:
Mr. Dennis Hovenden, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Tim Frederico, Director Corporate Development
Dr. Gillian Kay, Director Communities Development
Mr. Phil Cantillon, Director Community Assets
Mr. Taylor McVean, Coordinator Communications
Ms. Michelle Tipton, Coordinator Council Business Support
Ms. Vera Roberts, Executive Assistant to Mayor
Ms. Tenille Craig, Councillor Support Officer
Ms. Allison Clark, Executive Manager to the CEO

EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES:
Ms. Prue Digby, Municipal Monitor

Mr Dennis Hovenden, Chief Executive Officer opened the meeting and acknowledged Councillor Sean O'Reilly (City of Greater Dandenong), Gerard Felipe (Frankston City’s Youth Mayor) and former Councillors Rebekah Spelman and Brad Hill.

COUNCILLOR STATEMENT

Councillor Toms made the following statement:

“All members of this Council pledge to the City of Frankston community to consider every item listed on this evening’s agenda:

- Based on the individual merits of each item;
- Without bias or prejudice by maintaining an open mind; and
- Disregarding Councillors’ personal interests so as to avoid any conflict with our public duty.

Any Councillor having a conflict of interest in an item will make proper, prior disclosure to the meeting and will not participate or vote on the issue.”

Chairperson’s initials..............................................
PRAYER

At the request of the Mayor, Councillor Bolam read the Opening Prayer.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

Councillor O’Reilly acknowledged the Boon Wurrung and Bunurong peoples – the traditional custodians of the land on which we stand and recognised all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who have given to Australia’s identity – from the past, into the present and for the future.
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1. APOLOGIES
   Nil

2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST AND DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST
   Nil
3. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF OFFICERS

3.1 Appointment of Temporary Chairperson for the Meeting

(IMT Chief Executive Office)

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Mayer  Seconded: Councillor Cunial

That Cr Hampton be the temporary Chairperson for the meeting.

Carried Unanimously
3.2 Recognition and Appreciation of services given to the Community by the Mayor for Mayoral Term

(MT Chief Executive Office)

**Council Decision**

Moved: Councillor Cunial  
Seconded: Councillor Mayer

That a letter under seal be presented to Cr Colin Hampton in recognition of his service to the Frankston Community during the previous term.

**Carried Unanimously**

Cr Hampton: It has been a very very busy twelve months. You all know we have two elections coming up and I have been very busy knocking on doors, both Federal and State, both Liberal and Labor and Greens to try and gain as much as we possibly can out of these two elections. We have had considerable success up to date and I am sure that the new Mayor when they come in will also be out there fighting for money for Frankston. We’ve had a fairly turbulent year. We’ve had a monitor put in here because of the behaviour of some of the Councillors. I think the monitor has done a good job. I don’t think the job she has done is finished. Majority of Councillors now I believe will sit around the table and discuss things on their merits and not on their personalities. I thank the monitor for that. I would also like to thank the officers for the help I have got in the past and my EA, Vera, who has been very efficient and also the other EA’s which have helped, both Allison, Michelle and Tenille. I would also like to thank a very important person who without her help I would not be able to do the job I am doing. I am actually quite crook tonight and I am in a wheelchair because of an issue with my leg and guess who has been looking after me, my lovely wife Nancy and she has been incredible for me over the past 12 months and I thank you very much for that. I just hope that into the future I know the monitor will try to do this, instead of only having 7 Councillors around this table prepared to negotiate and talk on the merits of things, that we have 9 of them talking on the merits on the topics that come up and if that does that will be to Frankston’s benefit. I thank the officers and Councillors for their help and support for the past 12 months. It has been very busy and the time has flown by and I thank you all very much.

Cr Mayer: I did speak the other week at your last Ordinary meeting. I have always been very fond of you since I started working at Council. You took me under your wing, you mentored me and it was your first term as Mayor and you put me to work. I left my job and started doing a lot of speeches and everything and I am the Councillor today thanks to you. Your mentoring has continued and when I became Mayor, I think the first time you were my Deputy and I leaned on you quite heavily for advice and you were fantastic. You have been like a second dad to me. You have worked tremendously hard this year and one thing that I have always admired about you is that you are a very good politician. You have been in the Labor party for a long time and you know how to lobby for funding and you have done a really great job of that. You have worked so hard and you have worn yourself out now and you are at the point where you actually need to have a bit of a rest. I know that you intend to continue to work on your advocacy work through the State Election and into the Federal Election, but I just urge you to, you know, well I was hoping you would go out on a high note but you are barely able to walk at the moment. I hope that you recover very quickly and you are able to continue with the advocacy work and thank you for your strong leadership this year and I think you have done a great job and thank you very much.
Cr Cunial: You are like an older brother to me, not much older, but an older brother. One of the things that I really admire about you is that your word is your word. I have known you for 10 years and that is the length of time I have been on Council for. When I was first elected there were a couple of people outside Council in the community who said watch Colin Hampton, you cannot trust anything he says and he is not a very nice bloke. Well I have never ever heard so much absolute crap, if I can be coarse. You are the nicest bloke I have ever met. Your word is your word. I have never ever heard a lie come from your lips and that is pretty impressive in my opinion of you because unfortunately there are people that I have had to work with in many areas including Council that I don’t trust because they just cannot tell the truth unfortunately. One of the other things I really admire is your decision making process and I have noticed that before you make a decision on something you thoroughly research it and you give it a lot of consideration before you make a commitment to either support or not support it, where it is appropriate. Thanks for the last 12 months. It has been a pleasure and I certainly hope the new Mayor can work as hard as you. I am sure that person will.

Cr Bolam: I want to thank you for your service and well done on what is the second term as Mayor of this City. In my view you have solidified your role as an eldest states person of our city and I have been impressed like what Brian has just mentioned with your dedication and energy. I believe you are in your 70’s now and in my view you can’t tell. You move around and the energy you have conveyed towards the role is incredible and I have been most impressed. But I have also been impressed by your passion and as I have mentioned your determination. In particular your advocacy regarding the State election. We have achieved some great achievements in so far in the advocacy commitments and I hope we can get a few more before the election, but a lot of that has had a lot to do with you and your desire to ensure that we get a fair slice of the funding pie. It has been a good year within the chamber as well. The agro has dissipated to a large extent and a number of projects have advanced within the chamber. The number of projects that I have been pushing for have moved forward as have projects from other Councillors and I think that is where you get the most enjoyment as an elected representative, seeing your projects get up and evolve and advance to a point where they have been achieved and I think we are starting to see those projects come to fruition now. Also policies in the chamber, the Procurement Policy, Meeting Local Law and the Councillor Code of Conduct. These are very important policies and they have been advanced this year as well. To conclude I would like to thank you once again and I would also like to thank Nancy for your service and her service to the City. Your reign has Mayor has been productive and the City in turn commends you and Nancy for your service. Thank you very much.

Cr McCormack: I wish to thank you for your year as the Mayor and in particular to single out your advocacy work as particularly stellar on behalf of the city. At times we must have been at different meetings because I can say there are 9 out of 9 Councillors working on the merits of matters. Maybe not all the time but certainly a lot of the time. I think that there’s been a lot of growth of the Council over the past 12 months and you have certainly been responsible for a lot of that. Hopefully there will be a lot less sipping water in years to come. Thank you for your service.

Cr Toms: Thank you for your service to our community over the last year as Mayor. I would like to point out the trip we attended earlier in the year to Canberra for NGA where I accompanied you and your skill and expertise in lobbying politicians is very high and I commend you on the efforts and achievements you’ve been able to get for the City. On behalf of our residents in this year, in a very important year given the two elections that we’ve got coming up. Thank you for your service. Behind any good Councillor is a good partner, husband or wife and I thank Nancy for her support to you over the year in providing you with that support in your role as Mayor. Thank you.
Cr O'Connor: You know they say age is just a number. Regardless of what I have heard in the community and social media, I think you have really proven that age is just a number. Whether you are 20, 30, 70 to 80, you can do whatever you could do, which means you have got a really good personality and how you go about it and you really have shown that this year. I think this is a great example of what a Mayor should be. Great leadership, advocate for the best of the community no matter what. But what I have really appreciated from you is that you have always been honest, no matter what, whether it is good or bad, you have always been honest and have not been a snake and I have really appreciate that attribute from you. I am really thankful of the service you have provided over the past 12 months. It is a pity we cannot have you again next year, but you have set the bar very high for the next Mayor whoever that may be. I understand Nancy has done a lot of hard work for you and she has been very very good for you. So thank you very much.

Dennis Hovenden, CEO: On behalf of the officers, I congratulate you on your 12 months. Anyone who has sat in the position that you currently occupy knows that a Mayoral Term is always going to be busy. And you take the excitement of an upcoming State election and coming over the hill with a Federal election and the workload on our Mayor magnifies many times over. You were never afraid to express an opinion, have robust discussion with your fellow Councillors and indeed the officers, always in the pursuit of trying to get the best for this community. You have left a legacy for a part of the Frankston City Council’s history and our community and I thank you for that. I would agree with the sentiments supported ably by Nancy at many functions that you have attended and that is an important role to have that support. The fact that you are in the wheelchair, perhaps you have overdone it a little bit and you might be able to put your feet up and have a rest but I think you have made a great contribution for your Council and your community, so well done and I congratulate you.

Cr Hampton: Thank you all for your kind words and I look forward to my position as a Councillor and my support will go behind the Council and the Mayor of the day.
3.3 Recognition and Appreciation of services given to the Community by the Deputy Mayor for Previous Term

(MT Chief Executive Office)

**Council Decision**

**Moved:** Councillor Mayer  
**Seconded:** Councillor Cunial

That a letter under seal be presented to Cr Lillian O’Connor and Cr Michael O’Reilly in recognition of their service to the Frankston Community during the previous term.

**Carried Unanimously**

Cr O’Connor: I had a really good time being the Deputy Mayor for the first 6 months but unfortunately a situation came to light that I tried to kill myself and ended up in hospital and was there for a period of time. I had to go through a lot of therapy and I lost part of my memory, so forgive me if I don’t know certain things. I forgot that Diane was your wife tonight so I might’ve embarrassed myself, so I am so sorry. I want to make it very clear that we need to talk about this issue because it is an epidemic at the moment. I thought it would never happen to me because I have a really good life but I was in a lot of pain and suffering and I thought this was the only way to do it. I would have loved to continue when I had the opportunity but I want to say thank you to those Councillors who did vote for me to become Deputy Mayor and I want to thank you for your support and mentoring and I really appreciate it and that is all I want to say tonight. So if you are ever suffering or in pain, please seek help. Thank you.

Cr O’Connor out at 7.28pm  
Cr O’Connor in at 7.29pm

Cr O’Reilly: Thank you for the opportunity to be Deputy Mayor under your Cr Hampton. It was great to be able to learn from someone with so much experience and be there whenever you needed me to fill in, so thanks a lot.

Cr Mayer: I know that feeling. I have had depression before. I have been on medication. It is hard to be a single parent especially when you have been abused and you are facing financial strain. We all have our struggles in life and we put on a brave front and you never have known that Lillian was suffering like that. She has handled herself with such poise and grace, always in Council meetings and you never ever would have picked it. She is, just, out of all of us, the most lovely easy going person. Never has anyone had a problem with her and she just wants to get along with everybody and wants us all to get along and she is here for the right reasons. We were just all so concerned about her and I actually had no idea that it was that bad. We were so glad to have her back and I have expressed that to her. I thank Michael for stepping up in those last few months. You’ve really proved yourself and shown a lot of leadership. Being the Deputy these past few months has given you a taste of what possibly is to come. I just want to thank you both and I have really enjoyed getting to know you over the past couple of years and I thank you so much for your service.

Cr Toms: Thank you to both Councillors for serving as Deputy Mayor over the past 12 months, Cr Lillian O’Connor and Cr Michael O’Reilly. To Lillian’s comments about mental health, I too have had very bad mental health serving as a Councillor of this City so I know the pain and suffering that can come to a person when you deal with poor mental health so I encourage anyone in the community who has had problems with their mental health to seek support and I congratulate Lillian on her returning to Council to returning as a Councillor to the North West Ward. I also congratulate Michael O’Reilly for his service as the Deputy
Mayor of our City, filling the shoes of Lillian for the past couple of months. It’s a full on job, it can be a full on job being the Deputy to a Mayor, especially in a very busy year but I think you handled it well and I applaud your efforts.

Cr Aitken: Thank you Lillian for acquainting us with the circumstances surrounding your ill health. I think it is very relevant. It’s a message for everyone because no matter who you are, the barbs and the damaging comments that are thrown at people register very differently from one person to another and all of us feel criticism in one way or another. No one knows what is going on inside another person. No one actually knows what is going on inside another person and that might be a timely reminder for all of us to remember that when we engage with other people to indulge in really unimpressive behaviour and say really hurtful things to others can go very much a wry.

Cr Cunial: I am going to concentrate on the good work that Cr Lillian O’Connor has done as Deputy Mayor for part of the last 12 months and also the good work done by Cr O’Reilly. I talked earlier about your honesty Mr Mayor and I’ve got to say both Councillor O’Connor and Councillor O’Reilly, if they say something, then as far as I am concerned, I take it as gospel. They can be relied on, they always have as far as I am concerned and the last 12 months and whilst they’ve been performing the role as Deputy Mayor has been no exception. Thanks for all the work and dedication you’ve done Lillian and you Michael over the last 12 months as Deputy Mayor. I think you’ve both done a great job.

Cr McCormack: I just want to thank Councillor O’Reilly and Councillor O’Connor for their roles as Deputy Mayor over the past 12 months and particularly Councillor O’Connor for the brave speech she just gave. It is very confronting to talk about things and the public do need to hear it. It gives hope to people that it doesn’t matter what position that you are in, mental health is an illness that can take hold of anyone and it’s amazing that you just did that, so thank you.

CEO: To Cr O’Connor, Lillian. On behalf of all of the officers, can I say that you are very courageous and inspirational person, for a number of reasons. You had the courage to recognise that things weren’t right and you needed to seek help and no doubt with the support that you have with your partner, you got that help. And an inspiration because you came back and it was one of the most pleasurable days when you did come back and walked in to this chamber. A lot of people would’ve walk away and said I’ve leave this to someone else but I think there is a sense of duty within you and you display that courage and you’re back. And on behalf of the officers we wish you nothing but success and whilst it may not have worked out in the last 12 months, somewhere in the future I think it will. Such is your dedication to the community and to this organisation, so I say well done.

To Cr O’Reilly, some nights I sat in Council meetings and watched you as the time went by and it was 11 o’clock at night and I know what time you have to get up. But again a sense of duty not only to the Council but to Australia Post that you are able to deliver on both things. Whilst your time was but short as Deputy Mayor, I hope that you certainly gained some insight into the excitement of the position in supporting our Mayor being called upon to go out I think to things as exciting as the K9 Trial and things like that out at the dog facility, but stepping up to the plate to represent the Council and I have no doubt that you did an excellent job. I congratulate you on your Deputy Mayor term as well.

Cr Hampton: Lillian, you are a lovely lady. You say that I was like a father figure to you and I would be proud to have someone like you as my daughter. You are honest and forthright and you are committed to your community and you went through a really bad time. When I first spoke to you about it, you frightened the life out of me and I thought well the only thing I can do is try and support you as best as I can and when people are in that dark place that’s the best thing you can do is to support them. I hope Lillian that you had the support from the Council that you got and look at you, you’ve come back. You’ve come back in fighting form.
thank you for the 6 months you put in and the courage that you had to come back from that hard time that you had. I thank you very much on behalf of the City of Frankston. Michael, the time that you were Deputy Mayor, I know it was very difficult because you work very very long, early and late hours but you did on several and many occasions filled in for me when I was busy doing other things and Michael you’ve done it really well and I dare say it also opened your eyes up to other parts of the community that perhaps you haven’t seen before. I thank you very much for the help that you gave me.
3.4 Election and Installation of Mayor for the Ensuing Year

*(MT Chief Executive Office)*

**Moved:** Councillor Mayer  
**Seconded:** Councillor Hampton

That Cr O'Reilly be nominated for the Office of Mayor.

*Cr O'Reilly accepted the nomination*

**Moved:** Councillor Toms  
**Seconded:** Councillor McCormack

That Cr Aitken be nominated for the Office of Mayor.

*Cr Aitken accepted the nomination*

In accordance with Section 10(3b) of the Governance Local Law No 1, if there is more than one nomination, the Councillors present at the meeting must vote for one of the candidates and each of the candidates shall be allowed three (3) minutes to speak to their nomination.

**Cr O'Reilly was invited to speak to his nomination as Office of Mayor.**

Cr O'Reilly: First of all, the reason why I am nominating for the position of Mayor is that I have been on Council for 6 years now. Being on Council is very difficult to get a lot of things you want to do to achieve because most of us do work full time and even on top of working full time you have family commitments and you have things outside of work to deal with so it makes it very difficult. Having been the Deputy Mayor for the past few months, it has really opened my eyes to what the position of Mayor has been and having Colin there as a mentor, someone with a lot more experience in Council and in the position of Mayor, it has taught me a lot. I have been able to get out to different community groups that I would not normally get out too. I've been able to go out and make speeches and pretty much interact with everyone, and especially in areas you barely knew existed that you just don't normally get to do. So if given the opportunity to serve as the Mayor of Frankston City, it's going to be one of the greatest honors of my life. I moved here only six (6) years ago, and I tell you what I would not want to live anywhere else in 100 years. It is the most beautiful places in the world. We are right on the beach, it is the most amazing community that I have ever lived in and I think it would be such an honour. I plan to serve as a bipartisan Mayor, fair to everyone and I want to get out in the community, roll my sleeves up and do the best job I can.

**Cr Aitken was invited to speak to his nomination as Office of Mayor.**

Cr Aitken: I have worked with eight (8) Council’s during a collective period, which amounts now to what is almost a quarter of a century. My record in attendance, accessibility and participation in debate is well established and documented. I strongly believe in thinking outside the square, exercising a creative approach and celebrating diversity. Frankston regrettably has long been a divided Council. This negatively impacts upon good reasoned and balanced decision making which our community both expects and deserves. I believe there is a significant shortfall in respect of our attention to our environment, certainly our built environment is lagging way behind with refining better outcomes as we become a more populous area. Financial management needs to be revisited because I believe there are many savings that we could make and are failing to do and there should be a much stronger connection between staff, Councillors and the community based on genuine input and respect and trust. Internally I think Councillors need to move away from playing games and trading insults. It does no one in particular good but certainly achieves a great measure of damage. The election of the Mayor and the way in which it is carried out currently I believe needs to be reviewed and an important office such as the Mayoralty needs to be filled on merit and that can be arrived at by looking at attendance, dedication, vocal participation, active profile in the
community, connecting through Councillor requests in the system, generating change through Notices of Motion and amendments and ward meetings. All are quantifiable and a valid way to measure whether a Councillor is in fact active and responding to the role or is dead wood that needs to be pruned out of the system. I have also got concerns about the way where the Mayoralty in so far as the way the Mayoral election is carried out. I do feel that half the Council, if not the process needs to be improved greatly. I think half the Council feels completely disenfranchised from the other half of Council and that doesn't bow well.

**Council Decision**

**Moved: Councillor Mayer**  
**Seconded: Councillor Hampton**

That Cr O'Reilly be nominated for the Office of Mayor.  
**Carried**

For the Motion: Crs Bolam, Cunial, Hampton, Mayer, McCormack, O'Connor and O'Reilly  
Against the Motion: Crs Aitken and Toms

**Council Decision**

**Moved: Councillor Toms**  
**Seconded: Councillor McCormack**

That Cr Aitken be nominated for the Office of Mayor.  
**Lost**

For the Motion: Crs Aitken and Toms  
Against the Motion: Crs Bolam, Cunial, Hampton, Mayer, McCormack, O'Connor and O'Reilly

Cr O'Reilly was elected as Office of Mayor.

Mayor, O'Reilly – First of all thanks everyone for coming to see the election of the Mayor tonight. First of all I would like to thank everyone. To the Councillors who voted for me and to the Councillors who didn’t it’s all part of the democratic process and I commend the fact that we can have these split decisions and still move on in a courteous way. To the outgoing Mayor, Colin Hampton for his services over the last 12 months. Col, I have known you now for 6 years and we have been ward Councillors for that period of time, along with Sandra and I couldn’t ask for two better ward Councillors to work with. You have been a great inspiration to me and you've always been there to put your hand up, to grab me around the neck if I need to be somewhere or if I am missing something that I need to go to and I really appreciate that. Col has been a great support and if I could do half as good as job as Mayor as you did, I would be very happy with that. Not only that, Col has a great ability to lighten the mood at meetings, doesn’t matter how heated it can get, he will always cheer everyone up by forgetting the names, Brian Cunial and Kris Bolam. They do look very similar. For me tonight, until the 7 November next year when this term ends, every day is going to be different. It will involve meeting with residents, volunteers, staff and politicians and I am all fired up about that. Since arriving in Frankston, I have seen many changes and many things remain the same. We still have the best beaches, the best parks, festivals and the best community in all of Melbourne. The city is constantly growing and changing, as do our priorities of Council which must change. We have a declining unemployment rate, expanding industrial zones, with more families moving here every day. Not because they have to, but because they want to. The expanded Frankston Hospital is expected in the very near future in delivering up to 3000 babies per year, this along with a huge increase in participation in sports, basketball and more prominently women sports has put a huge pressure on our infrastructure. While as a Council we are divided on issues, as a group we are united in a
cause to achieve the best outcomes for our residents. Without division there would be no debate, no differing ideas and views and would result in no need to have nine (9) people sitting here around this room. Every Councillor in this room brings a different opinion, knowledge and experience to our group. Cr Aitken whose knowledge of greenery and trees, along with Cr McCormack, often have me running to the google machine as I simply know trees as trees. We have lawyers, we have police officers that have served for decades, business managers, like Councillor Hampton who has been a local business owner for many years, Sandra Mayer who as a single mum and working in aged care, brings her take on her experience to our group, Councillor Toms, who has soon as he walked in the door he will grab an issue and he will run with it and he never seems to want to quit until he gets his way. Kris, who has worked as a PSO, is probably the most committed that I have seen on Council. He is always looking at ways to improve every motion and every idea that comes before us and that is very commendable of you Kris. In the last year, we have achieved a lot pushing for major projects and infrastructure funding. We now enter a new phase, where we hit the home stretch for pressing the State Government for funding for our infrastructure and services, to the Federal Government. Frankston being the gateway to the Mornington Peninsula, our facilities are used by everyone and I mentioned this in a discussion recently when we met with the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council who said, you guys get everything. Well we get everything because everyone comes here to use our everything. Frankston is the capital city of the Mornington Peninsula. We have an Arts Centre which 60% of its patrons come from outside the City. Even yesterday I was down at the Ballam Park Athletics Track where they indicated to me that over half of their participants are from outside the area. Why are they coming here, because we have the best. We have before us a golden opportunity as there is one rule in politics being if you don’t win in Frankston, you don’t win government. We have our priorities set and are ready to hit the ground running. At any rate, that is what we are going to do. I want to thank everyone, the Councillors, the staff, EMT, community members and all our volunteers that make our community what it is. I want to particularly thank the CEO sitting right next to me for all of his tireless effort. He works long hours in a very important job, steering the ship of the Frankston City Council. I want to thank Australia Post for allowing me to take on this role by giving me a year off as a career break. It is a magnificent company to work for and I can’t thank them enough for that. Although I will not be missing the alarm clock going off at 4.50am. Finally, I want to thank those who came here tonight, notably my brother Sean, Councillor of Greater Dandenong. He is an older brother and is also a mentor of mine and whenever I do need any advice on any issue he’s the first one I pick up the phone to call. To mum, thanks for coming. To Claudia, to little John, Hamish, Charlie, to my sister Joanne and her husband Craig and my brother who is watching at home. Also to my good mate Rebekah, thanks for coming tonight, I didn’t know that you were going to show up, so good on you. And to my mates, Leeroy and Adam – good to see you guys. In conclusion I just want to say that I am really looking forward to the next 12 months. It is going to be an exciting time for me and it is going to be an exciting time for the rest of us. Thank you everyone for listening to me and thanks for coming.

Cr Mayer: If that is an indication of how your year is going to be, along with what we have seen of you chairing as Deputy Mayor, I think that you will have a great year and you will be a great Mayor. Very proud to support you tonight, very pleased to see you up there. It hasn’t been an easy year for you. You’ve been in and out of hospital either visiting someone or yourself cutting your hand and the rest of it. You’re a bit accident prone but hopefully you won’t have any accidents over the next year. I just want to pass on condolences to the family for your loss not long ago and I am just so glad that you can finish the year on a high note and I know that if your dad was still here he would be so proud of you Michael. He would be there having a beer with you next door and I am sure he is here in spirit. I’ve really enjoyed spending time getting to know you the past couple of years. You are such a nice guy, really genuine, you are very fair and you are very lay back. We have had two (2) very strong mayors the past two (2) years and you’re showing that you have that strength but you are also showing that you are very fair and so I think actually that we will have a different culture
this year and I am really looking forward to seeing what you can do. I think you have deserved this and I just wish you all the best.

Cr Hampton: I have known you for 6 years, we are Ward Councillors with Sandra and we have always worked very well together. I’ve always found you to be very honest and forthright in your opinions and I have to say this, yourself and myself, are from 2 opposing political parties, but we take no notice of that when it comes to our community. We work for the community and not for politics. That is a good thing. It will mean that you will have to, into the future, there is still a lot of advocacy work to do and I know that you go knocking on the doors like I did. I just like to say, like with Sandra, my condolences about your dad. It was a shock for you I know and also your family. My condolences for that. I know that you will be a good strong Mayor because you are already that as a Councillor. I know that you will measure up to what I have done. You do that as a Councillor and you will do that also as a Mayor. Any help that I can give you into the future, please don’t hesitate to ask me and congratulations.

Cr Cunial: What has been said by both Councillor Mayer and Hampton is completely accurate. You are a nice bloke, honest, considered before making a decision, you consider things properly and I have found to be quite honest with you, the decisions that you have made over the last 6 years while you have been on Council have been like I said considered, but you have certainly made some level headed decisions, which I reckon is great. Sometimes, as you are well aware, I think that all of the Councillors are aware, decisions can be made a little bit quickly without giving them enough thought but you are very considered and I think that is going to help you over the next 12 months. I know that you have been really flat out working I think 13-14 hours per day. I think if you expect that you are not going to be working long hours, you’re going to be in for a bit of a shock! What is great to see is that you have been granted 12 months leave to concentrate on the role of Mayor and I think you are going to be fantastic. Good luck to you and if you need any assistance or advice I am always here. Thank you and I wish you all the best of luck for the year.

Cr Toms: I wish you a wonderful year as the Mayor of the city. It is a great city as you said. You will meet so many different people along your way in your journey as the Mayor over this year. Although I didn’t vote for you, I do look forward to genuinely working with you in a constructive manner on the vast range of issues that will be brought to this chamber and I hope to see a change in culture of the Council. You have promised that you will be a fair Mayor and I do hope that is the way things will be. That is important to me as a Councillor in that the Chair is fair, reasonable and considerate of all in the Council. I wish you luck and have a great celebration this evening.

Cr McCormack: Unfortunately the CEO stolen my part about delivery to the community, so I will have to put that one aside! If I can just deviate slightly from thanking you just for a minute and just to say thank you to Councillor Aitken who also stood for the position of Mayor and I think we were very fortunate to have two (2) high quality candidates to present themselves for the Mayoralty. Councillor Aitken has been a member of Council for 16 years and has been a store ward for the Seaford Community and the surrounds for that period of time. He brings a wealth of experience and I am sure that he will be someone that Councillor O’Reilly will be able to utilise in the coming year. Now to you Councillor O’Reilly, in making my decision between Cr Aitken and you, I have opted for you being a new face to Council. This will be the first time that you have served as Mayor of this City and I think it is good to have some new blood so to speak in the position of Mayor and bring a different perspective to the Mayoralty. So I am really looking forward to what you bring to the Council in the next 12 months. I look forward to working with you and collegiately with all Councillors. Congratulations and best wishes.

Cr O’Reilly – I did forget to thanks Councillor Aitken for his nomination and I apologise for that.

Chairperson’s initials.......................................................
Cr O’Connor – I am very excited to have you as the Mayor this year. You will be fantastic in the role. Although you and Councillor Hampton there, a bit of competition but I think you will do a really good job. You are very honest, you are firm but very fair at the same time. That’s what I have noticed about you and that is what I am attracted to you and I think this is something you will bring to this Council. It is no secret that we are divided and that there are some strong personalities, at the end of the day we need to work together and to get the best outcome for the community and I think you will help that transition into that role. You don’t need good luck as I know that you will do a fantastic job, so well done.

Cr Bolam: Congratulations on your elevation to the Mayoralty. It is a great honour and I am sure that all of your family, including your late dad are very proud of you. I am sure the media will make some song and dance about the O’Reilly dynasty, with your brother being the Mayor of Dandenong last year I believe and now with you being the Mayor of Frankston this year. So there is a bit of continuity going on there. I think that one thing I have heard tonight, is how likeable you are and it is important that you do not lose that quality, I am not saying that you will, but people have the tendency or the influence to lose who they are. My advice is that you don’t lose that quality because it resonates with Councillors and I am sure that it will be resonate with the community so keep being yourself and stay true to who you are which is what I am hearing your ability to get along well with others. I want to thank Councillor Aitken and yourself for putting yourselves up as candidates for the Mayoralty. Someone had to do it and ultimately at this time, this person is you. In this time, you will take as Mayor from now until the end of your term, not only will you learn a lot about the City, its people, the many groups of Frankston, the great city that it is. You will learn a lot of great things about yourself and your leadership qualities. That is one experience that every Mayor who has had the honour of serving this City as Mayor has encountered, you will learn a lot about yourself and the process and I am sure you will learn what works and doesn’t works in terms of leadership for this term. You take the Mayoralty and what is putting it mildly an interesting thread in Frankston’s tapestry. Opportunities and challenges over the next twelve months include conducting a vigorous election and advocacy campaign, the delivery of State Government election commitments, professional management of the Chief Executive Officers soon to expire contract, the conclusion of the municipal monitors work and ensuring the adherence and advice she continues to provide at Frankston City Council, the finalisation and subsequent adoption of outstanding Council policies and strategies, the funding and subsequent inception of new Council initiatives and projects, balancing the annual budget in a rate capping environment and economically volatile environment, the need to continuing the behaviour and standards in the chamber and at briefings, the adoption and subsequent implementation of governance checks and balance to ensure transparent governance and improvements in and to the perception to both the Council and the wider Frankston area, both internally and externally. As a former Mayor I only have one observation, one piece of advice, that I wish to impart if you are willing to accept this tonight and that is the Mayoralty doesn’t make the person, the person makes the Mayoralty. The degree of energy, passion and tenacity you channel into the office of Mayor will determine over the next 12 months the wisdom of the mandate you have had the privilege of receiving here tonight and I wish you well and you have my support.

Cr Aitken: I note your election as Mayor and a reminder of the necessity of even handiness and impartiality in chairing all meetings of the Council and all attendance responsibilities and duties.

CEO: I start of by acknowledged Cr Aitken to put his hand up and to take on the role. The Mayor knowing that they want to make a difference and I have no doubt that Councillor Aitken had that in mind when he put his hand up for the Mayoralty, so I congratulate him on that. Mr Mayor, I congratulate you on behalf of all of the staff. We look forward to the coming 12 months. As your colleagues have pointed out there is much to do to make our municipality an even greater place. I have every confidence in your ability to lead this Council, to deliver
the results that we have worked hard on and we need to continue to work hard on. I have had the opportunity to observe many many Councillors over a long period of time in Council and if ever there was a person I felt was destined to be sitting in the Chair, it was you Mr Mayor. I watched you grow in the role as Councillor over a period of time in the Chamber. You bring a sense of street wise and comments to the debate. You don’t feel the necessity to comment on absolutely everything and I assure you that when you do speak people do stop and listen and that is a very very good hallmark quality of a leader. To be able to listen and to know when to speak and to provide some very valuable information to the debate. So it will be an exciting year. I don’t think you will change. I think you will be the Mayor that will come in and greet everyone in an even handed manner, talk about the weekend sporting results and then sit down and do the business of Council and at the end of the discussion and end of the debate, get up from the Chamber, go out and engage in a social environment with your fellow Councillors and staff. To your family I know no doubt that they will support you in the Mayoralty. Local Government is in the families blood and I have no doubt your father would be extremely proud of your ascendency to the throne of the Mayoralty, so well done.
3.5 Election of Deputy Mayor
(MT Chief Executive Office)

**Council Decision**

Moved: Councillor Cunial  
Seconded: Councillor Mayer

That Cr Hampton be nominated for the Office of Deputy Mayor.

**Carried Unanimously**

Cr Hampton: The reason why I put my hand up for Deputy Mayor is that we are still going through an advocacy campaign Mr Mayor, we got a way to go and I feel if I can be of assistance to you after the work I have put in, I would love to do it. We still a few projects we have to push politicians to spend money on, needless to say the line to Baxter is one of them, we have to get the State Government on board to commit money to that very important project along with the others, Jubilee Park, Centenary Park and the Safe Boat Mooring. That is the reason why I put my hand up. I know I have had a busy year. I will be in the background giving you as much assistance as possible and I did omit in my thanking of everyone to thank the CEO, EMT for their help they have given me as the Mayor over the years. Fair and frank, we don’t necessarily get a fair and frank to bat, but we have worked well. Thank you very much all of you for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Mayor O’Reilly – Congratulations on the role. It has been a situation where we do have a lot of advocacy programs that we will be pushing for and with yourself being a member of the Labor Party and me being a member of the Liberal Party, that is how we can work together as we have in the past to push on both sides of politics as said by Col just before in that we still need to get the State Labor government on board, but that is how it works. You push on one side they agree to it and then we push the other side and the next thing you know is that we got that project. Congratulations Colin, I am looking forward to the next few months, particularly leading up to the federal election. We have got a lot of work to do on that one and you will do a good job and I am looking forward to working with you.
3.6 Delegates to External/Internal Organisations

(MT Chief Executive Office)

**Council Decision**

**Moved:** Councillor Mayer  **Seconded:** Councillor Aitken

A. That the following appointments to external organisations be made:

1. Cr Toms and an officer be appointed as the delegates to the Association of Bayside Municipalities.
2. The Mayor and Cr McCormack be appointed as the delegates to the Australian Local Government Women’s Association.
3. The Mayor and Cr Aitken be appointed as the delegates to the Frankston Charitable Fund Committee of Management.
4. The Mayor be nominated as Council’s representative to the Peninsula Leisure Pty Ltd Board.
5. The Mayor be appointed as the delegate to the Frankston Revitalisation Board.
6. The Mayor be appointed as the delegate to the Municipal Association of Victoria and Cr Hampton be appointed as the substitute delegate.
7. Cr Hampton and Cr Cunial be appointed as the delegates to the Metropolitan Waste Management Forum.
8. Cr Hampton and Cr Toms be nominated as Council’s representatives at the National General Assembly 2019.
9. The Mayor be appointed as the delegate to the South East Melbourne Group.
10. Cr McCormack be appointed as the delegate to the Western Port Biosphere Reserve Foundation Ltd.
11. Cr Toms and Cr O’Connor be appointed as the delegates to the Youth Advisory Council.

B. That the following appointments to internal committees be made:

1. The Mayor and Cr Bolam be appointed as delegates to the Audit and Risk Committee and Cr Hampton be appointed as the substitute delegate.
2. That Cr Hampton, Cr Cunial and Cr Toms be appointed as the delegate to the Advocacy Sub-Committee.
3. That Cr Aitken and Cr McCormack be appointed as the delegate to the Ballam Park Homestead Advisory Committee and Heritage and Assets Promotion Committee.
4. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Cr Bolam and Cr McCormack be appointed as the delegates to the Chief Executive Officer’s Performance Review Committee.
5. Cr Toms and Cr Mayer be appointed as the delegates to the Community Grants Committee of Management.
6. Cr Bolam and Cr Cunial be appointed as the delegates, and Cr Mayer as the substitute delegate to the Frankston Arts Centre Board of Management.
7. The Mayor, Cr Cunial and Cr Bolam be appointed as the delegates to the Frankston Cemetery Trust.
8. The Mayor, Cr Hampton and Cr Mayer be appointed as the delegates to the Frankston City News Committee.
9. The Mayor and Cr Mayer be appointed as delegates to the Miscellaneous Grants Program Committee.

10. Cr McCormack be appointed as the delegate to the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee.

11. Cr Hampton be appointed as the delegate to the Soccer Liaison Committee.

12. Cr Mayer be appointed as the delegate to the Major Community Events Grants.

13. Cr Hampton be appointed as the delegate to the Golf Liaison Committee.

C. That Council notes the following Committees are no longer required / have been disbanded:
   1. Safety Consultative Committee;
   2. Frankston Skate Park Management Tender Sub-Committee; and

D. That as far as practicable and after negotiation with the Councillor or Councillors involved, the meeting times and dates for Committees, where a Councillor or Councillors are delegates, be arranged having regard to the availability of all participants including Councillor(s).

Carried Unanimously
3.7 Adoption of Proposed Council Meeting Dates  
(MT Chief Executive Office)

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Hampton  
Seconded: Councillor Cunial

That:

1. Council sets the following meeting dates for the coming 12 months:
   
   A. Ordinary Meetings, to commence at 7.00pm:
      
      Tuesday 29 January 2019  
      Monday 18 February 2019  
      Tuesday 12 March 2019  
      Monday 1 April 2019  
      Tuesday 23 April 2019  
      Monday 13 May 2019  
      Monday 3 June 2019  
      Monday 1 July 2019  
      Monday 22 July 2019  
      Monday 12 August 2019  
      Monday 2 September 2019  
      Monday 23 September 2019  
      Monday 14 October 2019  
      Monday 18 November 2019  
      Monday 16 December 2019

   B. Special Meetings, to commence at 7.00pm:
      

2. Both planning and ordinary matters may continue to be presented for Council’s consideration at the three-weekly ordinary meetings.

3. It is noted that additional special meetings may be called in accordance with the procedure set out in Council’s Governance Local Law, where required.

4. The meeting dates set out in item 1 be advertised by way of public notice, and on Council’s website.

Carried Unanimously
The meeting was closed to the public at 8.15 pm

AUTHORITY TO STAMP INITIALS ON MINUTES

I, Cr. Michael O'Reilly, Chairperson – Council Meeting hereby authorise the use of an electronic stamp of my initials to initial each page of these Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 8 November 2018, confirmed on Monday 19 November 2018.

(Cr. Michael O'Reilly, Chairperson – Council Meeting)

Dated this day of 2018