

Election of Shire President

Chief Executive Officer to Preside

Ordinary Council Meeting 27 October 2021

Nomination by Councillor

To: Chief Executive Officer, Mr Leonard Long

Note 2: Nominations for the office of President are encouraged to be received by the Chief Executive Officer in writing by 1.00pm on the day of the Ordinary Council Meeting to enable election material to be prepared. However, nominations will be accepted until the CEO announces the close of Nominations during the Ordinary Council Meeting.

Note 1: If another Councillor nominates another Councillor for the office of Shire President the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is not to accept the nomination unless the nominee has advised

the CEO, orally or in writing, that he or she is willing to be nominated for the office.

Division 3 How offices on the council are filled

2.11. Alternative methods of filling office of mayor or president

- (1) When an order is made under section 2.1 declaring an area of the State to be a district, the Governor is, by order, to specify whether the first mayor or president of the local government is to be
 - (a) elected by electors of the district under Part 4; or
 - (b) elected by the council from amongst the councillors

under Schedule 2.3, Division 1.

(2) A local government may change* the method of filling the office of mayor or president used by the local government from the election by the council method to the election by the electors method.

* Absolute majority required.

- (3) A local government may exercise the power conferred by subsection (2) whether or not a proposal has been made under section 2.12.
- (4) The method of filling the office of mayor or president used by a local government is changed from the election by the electors method to the election by the council method if the result of a poll declared under section 2.12A(4) is that a majority of electors of the district who voted at the poll voted in favour of the change.

2.15. Filling office of deputy mayor or deputy president

The deputy mayor or deputy president is to be elected by the council under Schedule 2.3, Division 2.

Schedule 2.3 – When and how mayors, presidents, deputy mayors and deputy presidents are elected by the council [Sections 2.11(1)(b) and 2.15]

Division 1 Mayors and presidents

1. Terms used

In this Division

extraordinary vacancy means a vacancy that occurs under section 2.34(1); **office** means the office of councillor mayor or president.

2. When council elects mayor or president

- (1) The office is to be filled as the first matter dealt with -
 - (a) at the first meeting of the council after an inaugural election or a section 4.13 or 4.14 election or after an ordinary elections day; and
 - (b) at the first meeting of the council after an extraordinary vacancy occurs in the office.
- (2) If the first ordinary meeting of the council is more than 3 weeks after an extraordinary vacancy occurs in the office, a special meeting of the council is to be held within that period for the purpose of filling the office.

3. CEO to preside

The CEO is to preside at the meeting until the office is filled.

4. How mayor or president is elected

- (1) The council is to elect a councillor to fill the office.
- (2) The election is to be conducted by the CEO in accordance with the procedure prescribed.
- (3) Nominations for the office are to be given to the CEO in writing before the meeting or during the meeting before the close of nominations
- (3a) Nominations close at the meeting at a time announced by the CEO, which is to be a sufficient time after the announcement by the CEO that nominations are about to close to allow for any nominations made to be dealt with.
- (4) If a councillor is nominated by another councillor the CEO is not to accept the nomination unless the nominee has advised the CEO, orally or in writing, that he or she is willing to be nominated for the office.
- (5) The councillors are to vote on the matter by secret ballot as if they were electors voting at an election.
- (6) Subject to clause 5(1), the votes cast under subclause (5) are to be counted, and the successful candidate determined, in accordance with Schedule 4.1 (which deals with determining the result of an election) as if those votes were votes cast at an election.
- (7) As soon as is practicable after the result of the election is known, the CEO is to declare and give notice of the result in accordance with regulations, if any.

5. Votes may be cast a second time

- (1) If when the votes cast under clause 4(5) are counted there is an equality of votes between 2 or more candidates who are the only candidates in, or remaining in, the count, the count is to be discontinued and the meeting is to be adjourned for not more than 7 days.
- (2) Any nomination for the office may be withdrawn, and further nominations may be made, before or when the meeting resumes.
- (3) When the meeting resumes the councillors are to vote again on the matter by secret ballot as if they were electors voting at an election.
- (4) The votes cast under subclause (3) are to be counted, and the successful candidate determined, in accordance with Schedule 4.1 as if those votes were votes cast at an election.