

ADDITIONAL ITEM



Item No: 3.6
Title: Commencement time - Ordinary Meeting
23 September 2019
Department: Governance

9 September 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting

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Report Purpose

Proposal to commence the Ordinary Council Meeting of 23 September 2019 at 6pm noting that on this date the Mayor and Deputy Mayor elections will be conducted. It is further proposed that following the conduct of these elections that there be an adjournment of approximately 30 minutes prior to resumption of the meeting and the consideration of the remaining business.

Alternatively, Council may resolve to conduct an Extraordinary Meeting on a date to be specified in the week commencing 23 September 2019 for the sole purpose of conducting the election for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Recommendation

- 1 That Council resolve to commence the Ordinary Meeting of Council of 23 September 2019 at 6.00pm noting that following the conduct of the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor that there will be an adjournment of 30 minutes prior to resumption of the meeting and consideration of the remaining business.**
- 2 That Council request the Chief Executive Officer give public notice of this meeting.**

Content

It is currently planned that the Mayoral and Deputy Mayoral elections will be conducted as the first items of business at the Ordinary Meeting to be held on 23 September 2019.

Change to proposed and notified commencement time

Council's Code of Meeting Practice provides at clause 3.1 that Ordinary meetings of Council will be held commencing at 6.30pm.

It is proposed that the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 23 September 2019 commence at 6.00pm following the conclusion of the public forum. This represents a change to the adopted Code of Meeting Practice for this meeting only.

The election of the Mayor and potential election of a Deputy Mayor are proposed to be conducted as the first items of business at the meeting on 23 September 2019. Given the likely public interest it is proposed to commence the meeting following the public forum to allow for the conduct these elections.

It is further proposed that following the conduct of the elections, that there be an adjournment of thirty minutes. This is for the purpose of allowing Councillors to have a break and to provide an opportunity for staff to complete some of the logistical changes that may be required depending on the election outcome.

Conduct of Extraordinary Meeting

Council may resolve to conduct an Extraordinary meeting for the purpose of the elections of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

This could be resolved by Council and it would be necessary to give public notice of the time, date and location of the Meeting.

It is noted that many Councils conduct the Mayoral and Deputy Mayoral election as the only items of significant business rather than as part of the Ordinary Meeting.

Should Council resolve this way, the following wording is provided to replace 1 in the current recommendation;

That Council resolve to conduct an Extraordinary Meeting of Council on DATE at 6.30pm, at Wyong Administration Centre, 2 Hely Street Wyong for the purpose of conducting the Mayoral and Deputy Mayoral elections.

Notification and communication

Should Council resolve to alter the meeting start time, staff would arrange for appropriate notifications and communication of the change.

Similarly, should Council resolve to conduct an Extraordinary Meeting of Council, staff would arrange for appropriate notifications and communication of the meeting.

Attachments

Nil.