



POST-ELECTION STATUTORY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA

8 APRIL 2020

Your attendance is required at a Special meeting of Council to be held via video conference on 8 April 2020 commencing at 5.00pm for transaction of the enclosed business.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
6 April 2020

Please note:

In accordance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, please be advised that all discussion held during the meeting is recorded for the purpose of verifying the minutes. This will include any discussion involving a Councillor, staff member or a member of the public.

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1 OPENING

2 PRESENT

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor M F Strelow (Chairperson)
Councillor S Latcham
Councillor N K Fisher
Councillor A P Williams
Councillor C E Smith
Councillor C R Rutherford
Councillor M D Wickerson
Councillor D Kirkland

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

**4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE
AGENDA**

5 OFFICERS' REPORTS

5.1 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

File No:	10072
Attachments:	Nil
Authorising Officer:	Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The Chief Executive Officer is seeking the determination by Council of the appointment of a Deputy Mayor pursuant to section 175 of the Local Government Act 2009.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Councillor _____ be appointed Deputy Mayor for the Rockhampton Regional Council pursuant to section 175 of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

BACKGROUND

Section 175 of the *Local Government Act 2009* requires Council to appoint a Deputy Mayor from its Councillors at the Post-Election Meeting.

In addition, Section 165 of the *Local Government Act 2009* provides additional details of the role of the Deputy Mayor.

LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

Section 175 *Local Government Act 2009* – Post-election meetings:

- (1) *A local government must hold a meeting within 14 days after—*
 - (a) *the conclusion of each quadrennial election; and*
 - (b) *the conclusion of a fresh election of its councillors.*
- (2) *The local government must, by resolution, appoint a deputy mayor from its councillors (other than the mayor)—*
 - (a) *at that meeting; and*
 - (b) *at the first meeting after the office of the councillor who is the deputy mayor becomes vacant.*

Section 165 *Local Government Act 2009* – Acting Mayor:

- (1) *The deputy mayor acts for the mayor during-*
 - (a) *the absence or temporary incapacity of the mayor; or*
 - (b) *a vacancy in the office of the mayor.*

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Outside of the requirements of section 175 of the *Local Government Act 2009* as noted in this report, there are no additional relevant legal implications for consideration.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

Corporate Plan - Section 5.2 “*Strong leadership that provides quality governance to support and service the community.*”

CONCLUSION

As the appointment of Deputy Mayor is legislatively required to take place at the Post-Election Meeting and the additional role associated with the appointment specified, the determination of this matter is sought from Council.

5.2 SCHEDULE OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS

File No: 10072
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The Chief Executive Officer seeks to establish the meeting schedule for the Ordinary meetings of Rockhampton Regional Council up to 30 June 2020.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council fix the day and time for the Ordinary meetings of Rockhampton Regional Council as every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 9.00am commencing with the first meeting on Tuesday 14 April 2020 and ending 23 June 2020, after which the schedule will be reviewed.

COMMENTARY

The fixing of the day and time of the first Ordinary Council meeting is considered to have primacy above all other meetings following the statutory Post-Election Meeting and is a requirement under section 256 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

The fixing of the first Ordinary Meeting affords Council the opportunity to address:

- Governance issues affecting Council in an immediate sense which require Council resolution;
- Administrative issues affecting Council in an immediate sense which require Council resolution (eg matters arising from and Confirmation of Minutes of previous Council);
- Emergent issues arising during the "caretaker period" which require Council resolution.

It is recommended that the first Ordinary meeting of Rockhampton Regional Council be held on Tuesday 14 April 2020 at 9.00am.

It is further recommended that Ordinary Council meetings be held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 9.00am, with the schedule to be reviewed after 30 June 2020. This means that Ordinary meetings will be scheduled for 14 April, 28 April, 12 May, 26 May, 9 June and 23 June 2020.

LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

Section 256(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* provides:

"The matters a local government must consider at a post-election meeting include the day and time for holding other meetings."

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Outside of the requirements of section 256(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* as noted in this report, there are no additional relevant legal implications for consideration.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

Corporate Plan - Section 5.2 *"Strong leadership that provides quality governance to support and service the community."*

CONCLUSION

The Chief Executive Officer recommends that the first Ordinary meeting be held on Tuesday 14 April 2020 at 9.00am after which Ordinary Council meetings be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9.00am, to be reviewed after 23 June 2020.

6 CLOSURE OF MEETING