



Annual Council Meeting

MINUTES

Date:	Thursday, 6 November 2025
Time:	7:00pm
Location:	Council Chamber, Civic Centre 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

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**MANNINGHAM CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 6 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 7:00PM
IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE
699 DONCASTER ROAD, DONCASTER**

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Deirdre Diamante
 Councillor Andrew Conlon
 Councillor Peter Bain
 Councillor Anna Chen
 Councillor Isabella Eltaha
 Councillor Geoff Gough
 Councillor Jim Grivas
 Councillor Carli Lange

OFFICERS PRESENT: Chief Executive Officer, Mr Andrew Day
 Director City Planning & Liveability, Mr Andrew McMaster
 Acting Director Experience and Capability, Ms Ashlee Camm
 Acting Director Connected Communities, Ms Kerry Paterson
 Director City Services, Mr Lachlan Johnson
 Manager Integrity, Ms Carrie Bruce

1 OPENING PRAYER AND STATEMENTS OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Mayor, Cr Diamante opened the meeting and commenced proceedings by reading the prayer and statements of acknowledgment.

The Mayor recognised and acknowledged the following members of the gallery:

- Ron Kitchingman OAM JP - Former Mayor and Councillor and holder of the Key to the City
- Dot Haynes OAM – Former Councillor
- Mike Zafiropoulos AM JP – Former Councillor

The Mayor also welcomed the following recipients of the Manningham Community Awards in the gallery :

- Selina Leung (Chinese Seniors Citizens Club of Manningham)– Ageing Well Award
- Kimon Pappas (Bulleen Tennis Club) – Active Community Award
- Grant Purdy (Warrandyte Arts Association) – Artist Achievement Award
- Leon Moore – Manningham Citizen of the Year & Doreen Stoves Excellence in Volunteering Award
- Niosha Khademidjoui – Young Achiever Award

2 APOLOGIES AND REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Laura Mayne was noted as an apology.

3 MAYORAL TERM

Before the Mayor is elected, Council must determine whether the Mayor is to be elected for a 1 year or 2 year term.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: CR CARLI LANGE
SECONDED: CR PETER BAIN

That Council determine the Mayor be elected for a one year term.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4 ELECTION OF MAYOR

The election of the Mayor was facilitated by the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to section 25(3) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and in accordance with Council's Governance Rules.

The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations for the position of Mayor for 2025-2026.

Cr Geoff Gough nominated and Cr Anna Chen seconded the nomination of Cr Jim Grivas.

As there were no further nominations, the Chief Executive Officer declared Cr Jim Grivas duly elected as the Mayor for 2025-2026.

The Mayor was robed and enchaind. The Mayor assumed the Chair.

5 CONGRATULATORY MOTION

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: CR GEOFF GOUGH
SECONDED: CR ANNA CHEN

That on behalf of Council and the residents of the municipality, congratulations be extended to Cr Jim Grivas on being elected as the Mayor of Manningham City Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillors Gough, Chen, Diamante, Lange, Eltaha and Conlon congratulated Cr Grivas on his election as the Mayor.

The Chief Executive Officer congratulated the Mayor on behalf of the organisation.

6 RESPONSE FROM NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR

The newly elected Mayor Jim Grivas responded to Council on his appointment as the Mayor for 2025-2026.

7 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The election of the Deputy Mayor was undertaken pursuant to section 27 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and in accordance with Council's Governance Rules.

The Mayor called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor for 2025-2026.

Cr Carli Lange nominated and Cr Andrew Conlon seconded the nomination of Cr Deirdre Diamante.

As there were no further nominations, the Mayor declared Cr Deirdre Diamante duly elected as Deputy Mayor for 2025-2026.

8 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OUTGOING MAYOR

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: CR ANDREW CONLON
SECONDED: CR CARLI LANGE

That on behalf of Council and the residents of the municipality a motion of appreciation be recorded to the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Deirdre Diamante.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillors Conlon, Lange, Bain, Eltaha, Chen and Gough acknowledged and thanked the outgoing Mayor, Cr Deirdre Diamante.

The Chief Executive Officer thanked the outgoing Mayor on behalf of the organisation.

The Mayor presented Cr Diamante with a gift. The outgoing Mayor Cr Diamante responded.

9 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting closed.

The meeting concluded at 7.51pm

Chairperson
CONFIRMED THIS 25 November 2025