

Councillor Noon - MoN - Update the Existing Prayer to include new Pledge

Tuesday, 26 September 2023
Council

Council Member
Councillor Carmel Noon

Public

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MOTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Carmel Noon will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:

'That Council; Note that on Agenda re Council meeting 12 September 2023 Item 3. Prayer/Pledge was published, however only the new Pledge was read out. Requests that the existing Prayer be replaced with a Multifaith Prayer to ensure inclusivity, whilst also respecting tradition, as follows: We pray for wisdom, courage, empathy, understanding and guidance in the decisions that we make, whilst seeking and respecting the opinions of others.

(This would be read out prior to the new Pledge: May we in this meeting speak honestly, listen attentively, think clearly and decide wisely for the good governance of the City of Adelaide and the wellbeing of those we serve).

That Councillors are also invited to read this Prayer/Pledge out loud along with the Lord Mayor, if they wish.'

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. At its meeting of 19 September 2023 the City Finance and Governance Committee resolved to recommend that Council:
 - 1.1. *Notes the Council's decision at its Meeting on 22 August 2023 to include the following pledge in the Ordinary Council Agenda: 'May we in this meeting speak honestly, listen attentively, think clearly and decide wisely for the good governance of the City of Adelaide and the wellbeing of those we serve.'*
 - 1.2. **Approves the deletion of the reference to a prayer from the Ordinary Council Agenda and amends the Code of Practice for Meeting Procedures accordingly.**
 - 1.3. *Approves the following changes to the Code of Practice for Meeting Procedures, as identified in Attachment A to Item 4.14 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 19 September 2023:*
 - 1.3.1. *Conflict of Interest to be included as an agenda item at all meetings (sections 3.3 and 4.6)*
 - 1.3.2. *Special meeting agenda structure (section 3.3)*
 - 1.3.3. *Removal of the title "your worship" (section 4.11)*
 - 1.3.4. *Clarification of procedures for Meeting Interruption (4.24)*
 - 1.3.5. *Clarification of discretionary provisions (section 6.1)*
 - 1.3.6. *Minor typographical and syntactical revisions (as highlighted)*
 - 1.4. *Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make any necessary typographical or syntactical revisions in order to finalise the Code of Practice for Meeting Procedures.*

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or prices have been obtained:	
Public consultation	Not applicable
External consultant advice	Not applicable
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not applicable
Impacts on existing projects	Not applicable
Budget reallocation	Not applicable
Capital investment	Not applicable
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	Not applicable
Other	Not applicable
Staff time in receiving and preparing this administration comment	To prepare this administration comment in response to the motion on notice took approximately 4 hours.

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