

**LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL**

The Annual Meeting of Limerick City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2007 at 7.30 p.m.

The following were in attendance :

**IN THE CHAIR :** Cllr. J. Leddin , Mayor

**COUNCILLORS :** M. Hourigan, K. Leddin, J. Cronin, K. Kiely, J. Ryan, J. Gilligan, K. O'Hanlon, K. Walsh, G. McLoughlin, G. Fahy, J. Houlihan, L. Wallace, P. Kennedy, M. Byrne, and J. Long

**STAFF :** Mr. T. Mackey, City Manager  
Mr. K. Lehane, Director of Service  
Mr. J. Field, Head of Finance  
Mr. P. Dromey, Director of Service  
Mr. P. Dowling, Director of Service  
Ms. G. Kilgarriff, Head of I.T.  
Mr. J. Murphy, IS Project Leader  
Mr. J. Delaney, Senior Executive Officer

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Prior to the statutory business of the Meeting, His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. J. Leddin extended a welcome to all present and referring to his year as Mayor said it had been a significant year for the City.

He recalled a number of highlights from the year including

- Progress on the central heating and windows and doors programmes in housing
- Docklands Initiative and the establishment of the Forum
- Publication of an issues paper for the City Centre
- Progress on the implementation of Riverside amenities
- Establishment of a working forum for the City Centre
- Reduction in rates
- Various festivals and events organised during holiday periods and Heineken Cup matches
- Successful delegations to Krakow and Boston
- Mayor's Ball
- Opening of Watchhouse Cross Library
- Abolition of Library fees
- Freedom of the City for Terry Wogan and Tom Ryan

He thanked the members for their co-operation during his term of office, the Deputy Mayor ,the City Manager and Staff and especially his wife Kara and family for their support during the year.

Cllr. O’Hanlon, on behalf of the Fianna Fail Party, Cllr. Ryan on behalf of the Labour Party and Cllr. Fahy on behalf of the Fine Gael Party congratulated and paid tribute to the Mayor. His wife Kara and family had been a great support to him and they wished him and his family the very best in the years ahead. Cllrs. K. Leddin, Byrne, Wallace and McLoughlin also added their congratulations.

The City Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff thanked the Mayor also.

## **1. NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR**

His Worship the Mayor asked for nominations to fill the Office of Mayor of the City until the election of his successor and to install His Worship into the Office if the Council should so decide.

Cllr. Hourigan formally proposed Cllr. Ger Fahy to the Office of Mayor. He said Cllr. Fahy had been an active representative for his community over a long number of years and it was an honour to propose him for the office of Mayor.

Cllr. Kiely formally seconded the Proposal.

As there were no further nominations for the Office of Mayor, His Worship the Mayor declared Cllr. Ger Fahy elected unanimously to the Office of Mayor.

Cllr. Ger Fahy said it was an honour for him to be elected as the 811<sup>th</sup> Mayor of the City. He thanked his proposer and seconder and the people of Ward 3 who had elected him. He thanked his family for their support.

He said that there was an increased confidence about the City and that the Council had an improved financial situation. He said that the increase in the number of pedestrian streets was having a positive effect on the built environment surrounding them.

He referred to the challenges facing the City in the coming year including

- Docklands
- Boundary Extension application
- Social exclusion and the implementation of the John Fitzgerald report.

He said he was disappointed that there was no representation from councillors on the Regeneration Boards. He encouraged residents to get actively involved in their communities.

Cllr Hourigan on behalf of the Fine Gael Party, Cllr. Ryan on behalf of the Labour Party, Cllr. O’Hanlon on behalf of the Fianna Fail Party, and Cllrs. Wallace, Gilligan, McLoughlin and K. Leddin extended congratulations to the Mayor and wished him every success in the year ahead.

The City Manager wished the new Mayor well and said that he was looking forward to working with him in the year ahead.

## **2. NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Fahy invited nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor.

Cllr. Byrne formally proposed Cllr. Jim Long for the Office of Deputy Mayor. Cllr. Scully formally seconded the proposal.

As there were no further nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor, His Worship the Mayor declared Cllr. Jim Long elected unanimously to the Office of Deputy Mayor.

On the proposition of Cllr. Ryan, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, it was unanimously agreed that the meeting stand adjourned to Monday, 2nd July, 2007 at 4.30 p.m.

**THE MEETING THEN ADJOURNED**

**A TRUE RECORD**

**T. MACKEY  
CITY MANAGER**

**CONFIRMED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2007**

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**MAYOR OF LIMERICK**