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Minutes of the 3rd Special Meeting of Tsuen Wan District Council

Date: 23 November 2021

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Venue: Main Conference Room, Tsuen Wan District Office

Present:

Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly (Chairman)

Mr MAN Yu-ming, MH

Mr YAU Kam-ping, BBS, MH

Mr CHAN Sung-ip, BBS, MH

Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio

Mr WONG Ka-wa

Mr KOT Siu-yuen, MH

Mr LAU Cheuk-yu

In Attendance:

Mr LAI Yik-wing, Wesley District Officer (Tsuen Wan) Acting, Tsuen Wan District Office

Ms LEE Lai-kiu, Winnie Senior Liaison Officer (2), Tsuen Wan District Office

Miss LAM Siu-yung, Daisy Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office
(Secretary)

Miss LEUNG Tsz-wai, Apple Executive Officer I (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office

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I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed Members and government representatives to the 3rd Special Meeting of the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC). The office of Vice Chairman of the TWDC had been vacant since 21 October 2021. Section 64(2) of the District Councils Ordinance (Cap 547) stipulated that if the office of Vice Chairman became vacant, the Members must elect a Vice Chairman from amongst themselves at the first meeting of the District Council after the office became vacant.

II Item 1: The Election of Vice Chairman of Tsuen Wan District Council

2. The Chairman said that the TWDC Secretariat sent a document to all Members on 12 November 2021 to invite them to nominate candidates for the office of Vice Chairman of the TWDC. The said document stated clearly that all nominations should reach the Secretariat by 10:00 am on 23 November 2021. At the close of the nomination period, he received one nomination form with Mr YAU Kam-ping being the candidate nominated for Vice Chairmanship. According to

section 5 of Schedule 5 of the District Councils Ordinance (Cap 547), "...if only one candidate is nominated for the office of Vice Chairman, the candidate is treated as having been elected Vice Chairman..." As Mr YAU Kam-ping was the only candidate nominated for Vice Chairmanship, the Chairman announced that Mr YAU Kam-ping was elected uncontested as Vice Chairman of the TWDC, and extended his congratulations to him.

3. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio said that the election of Vice Chairman of the TWDC was of paramount importance to the well-being of the residents of Tsuen Wan district. He was aware that the Vice Chairman's office address, and office telephone and facsimile numbers were exactly the same as those of the office of the Tsuen Wan Rural Committee (TWRC). He remarked that Mr YAU Kam-ping was taking up a position of great responsibility and embarking on a long and important mission upon his election as Vice Chairman, as the residents of Tsuen Wan, particularly those in the 13 constituencies with vacant seats, were eager for a channel for seeking assistance. He enquired if there would be any change to the address of the Vice Chairman's office, what the opening hours of the office would be, and whether there would be any staff to offer assistance within the opening hours of the office.

4. The Vice Chairman said that, as an ex officio Member, he had to attend meetings of the TWRC from time to time. As such, he was allowed to set up his ward office within the TWRC, but he had not claimed any allowance or expenses reimbursement for District Council Members in respect of the setting-up of his ward office therein. Currently, his office was open until 7 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and there were staff to offer assistance within the office hours. He would consider adjusting the office hours where necessary. He said that many residents had visited his office to seek assistance in relation to such issues as improving facilities and enhancing building safety in Tsuen Wan district, with many of the cases already referred to the relevant government departments for follow-up. In his opinion, Tsuen Wan was a district where urban and rural areas amalgamated. As a District Council Member, he would act as a communication link between the public and the Government, and would endeavour to perfect his work at the district level.

5. The Chairman looked forward to perfecting all work relating to the District Council and people's livelihood in Tsuen Wan in conjunction with the Vice Chairman and Members. He also hoped that the Vice Chairman would strengthen his communication with Members and government departments, and handle district affairs collaboratively.

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