

# Minutes

## Ordinary Meeting of Council

Tuesday, 11 June 2019

6:31pm

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held at the Moonee Valley Civic Centre

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## Present

### Members:

Cr Narelle Sharpe	Mayor
Cr John Sipek	Deputy Mayor
Cr Samantha Byrne	
Cr Jim Cusack (6.35pm)	
Cr Rebecca Gauci Maurici	
Cr Richard Lawrence	
Cr Nicole Marshall (6.57pm)	
Cr Cam Nation	
Cr Andrea Surace	

### Officers:

Kendrea Pope	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Steven Lambert	Director City Services
Allison Watt	Acting Director Organisational Performance
Jessie Keating	Acting Director Planning and Development
Gil Richardson	Director Asset Planning and Strategic Projects
Maddison Majer	Acting Manager Governance and Communications

**1. Opening**

The Mayor, Cr Sharpe, opened the meeting and welcomed all present to the Council Meeting of Tuesday, 11 June 2019.

**2. Reconciliation Statement**

On behalf of Moonee Valley City Council, the Mayor welcomed all present and respectfully acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the land on which Moonee Valley is located – the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation; and paid respect to their Spirits, Ancestors, Elders and their Community Members past and present.

The Mayor also extended this respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples who call Moonee Valley home.

**3. Apologies and Leave of Absence**

Nil

**4. Confirmation of Minutes**

**Minute No.            2019/127**

**Council Resolution**

Moved by Cr Lawrence, seconded by Cr Gauci Maurici that the minutes of the Budget Submissions Committee meeting and the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 28 May 2019, be confirmed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

Nil.

Cr Cusack arrived during the next item at 6.35pm.

**6. Presentations**

**Vale Eugene Hammer**

Mayor, Cr Narelle Sharpe acknowledged the recent passing of Eugene Hammer, a former councillor and Mayor at Moonee Valley.

Eugene was a former Councillor with City of Essendon (1993 - 1995) and City of Moonee Valley (1997 - 2005) and twice held the position of Mayor in (1997-98 and 2002-2003)

As the first Mayor of the City of Moonee Valley, one of his first tasks, was to re-open the Ascot Vale Library which had been closed against the wishes of the local community.

Moonee Valley City Council acknowledges Eugene's contribution and service to the community over many years and extend sincere condolences to Eugene's family at this time.

Cr Cusack also acknowledged Eugene's passing and contribution to the City of Moonee Valley.

**6. Presentations continued**

**Lloyd Shield Exhibition**

Mayor, Cr Narelle Sharpe acknowledged Council's current exhibition on display in the Council chambers.

Moonee Valley based artist Lloyd Shield documents the Essendon incinerators on Holmes Road, Aberfeldie, in photographic images using light and shadow to draw attention to significant architectural moments.

The incinerators are significant for their important associations with Walter Burley Griffin and Marion Mahony Griffin.

**7. Petitions and Joint Letters**

**7.1 Parking restrictions for Grace Street, Moonee Ponds**

**Author:** Tracey Classon - Governance Officer

**Directorate:** Organisational Performance

**Minute No.** 2019/128

**Council Resolution**

Moved by Cr Nation, seconded by Cr Surace that Council resolves to:

1. Receive and note the petition.
2. Refer this matter to the Director Planning and Development for investigation and reporting back to Council.
3. Advise the petition organiser accordingly.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8. Public Question Time**

**Rose Iser** asked Council:

Why is Council now proposing an additional \$29 million be drawn from 'Council cash' over the next three years, and reducing borrowing from \$60 million to \$30 million, and what is the impact of this change, particularly the impact on any Council services?

**Allison Watt, Acting Director Organisational Performance** responded the cost of borrowing is greater than the return Council would receive from investing its cash surpluses in term deposits so the prudent financial decision is to drawdown from the cash surplus. By drawing down on cash surpluses rather than borrowing, Council will save over the three year period in excess of \$2 million in interest repayments.

There will be no impact to Council services by using cash surpluses as the funding source rather than borrowing.

**Rose Iser** asked Council:

What measures are funded in the 2019/20 budget to address climate change?

**8. Public Question Time continued**

**Allison Watt, Acting Director Organisational Performance** responded Council has multiple initiatives in the 2019/20 Budget to address climate change, among those initiatives are, investigating the opportunity to participate in a tender to procure 100 per cent renewable electricity for Council's operations through a Power Purchase Agreement with other Victorian Councils. This procurement would reduce Council's greenhouse gas emissions from its operations by nearly 75 per cent, (Included in the Operating Budget).

Energy efficiency improvements to Council buildings – installation of variable speed drives, lighting upgrades to LED, installation of energy monitoring systems, double glazing, installation of solar pv on buildings and hot water system upgrades to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions. (In Capital Works Budget 4008 -energy efficiency/greenhouse gas reduction works for Council owned and operated buildings).

Increased tree plantings in parks, reserves and on footpaths help increase tree canopy cover across the municipality and support Council's MV2040 target of 30 per cent tree canopy cover by 2040, (included in the Operating Budget).

**9. Reports from Special Committees**

Nil.

Cr Marshall arrived at the meeting at 6.57pm, before the vote on the next item.

Cr Marshall requested an adjournment.

Moved Cr Nation, seconded Cr Sipek that the meeting be adjourned for five minutes

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 7.23pm and resumed at 7.28pm.

## 10. Reports

### 10.1 Budget 2019/20

**Author:** Damian Hogan - Manager Finance

**Directorate:** Organisational Performance

**Minute No.** 2019/178

#### **Council Resolution**

Moved by Cr Gauci Maurici, seconded by Cr Lawrence that Council resolves to adopt the Annual Budget 2019/20 provided as Appendix A with the following key change; defer Strathnaver Reserve Car Park (Strathmore Heights) Improvements Stage 2 of 2 \$570,000.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **Council Resolution**

Moved by Cr Sipek, seconded by Cr Byrne that Council resolves to adopt the Annual Budget 2019/20 provided as Appendix A with the following key change; defer construction of drainage improvement works at Warrick Court, Avondale Heights \$270,000.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **Council Resolution**

Moved by Cr Sipek, seconded by Cr Lawrence that Council resolves to adopt the Annual Budget 2019/20 provided as Appendix A with the following key change; add drainage improvement works at El Reno Crescent, Airport West \$400,000

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Cr Nation left the chamber at 7.52pm, and was absent for the vote on the next item.

#### **Council Resolution**

Moved by Cr Sipek, seconded by Cr Lawrence that Council resolves to adopt the Annual Budget 2019/20 provided as Appendix A with the following key change; add \$5,000 to the Grant and Contributions budget for the Italian Pensioners Group of Essendon.

**For:** Crs Byrne, Cusack, Gauci Maurici, Lawrence, Sharpe, Sipek, Surace

**Against:** Cr Marshall

**CARRIED**

Cr Nation returned to the chamber before the next item at 7.52pm.

#### **Council Resolution**

Moved by Cr Byrne, seconded by Cr Surace that Council resolves to adopt the Strategic Resource Plan 2019/20 to 2022/23 as per Appendix B with changes in

21/22 and 22/23 for Flemington Community Hub to \$12 million and \$8 million respectively.

**For:** Crs Byrne, Lawrence, Sharpe, Sipek, Surace

**Against:** Crs Cusack, Gauci Maurici, Marshall, Nation

**CARRIED**

**Council Resolution**

Moved by Cr Gauci Maurici, seconded by Cr Surace that Council resolves to modify the Long-Term Capital Works Plan to 2044/45 as per Appendix C and detailed in confidential Appendix D, with the following change; the delivery timeframe for Clifton Park pavilion be changed from Medium to Short.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Council Resolution**

Moved by Cr Lawrence, seconded by Cr Gauci Maurici that Council resolves to modify the Long-Term Capital Works Plan to 2044/45 as per Appendix C and detailed in confidential Appendix D, with the following change; the delivery timeframe for Boeing Reserve pavilion be changed from Short to Medium.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Council Resolution**

Moved by Cr Byrne, seconded by Cr Gauci Maurici that Council resolves to modify the Long-Term Capital Works Plan to 2044/45 as per Appendix C and detailed in confidential Appendix D, with the following change; reduce the total cost of the Flemington Community Hub from \$42.5 million to \$20 million.

**For:** Crs Byrne, Gauci Maurici, Lawrence, Sharpe, Sipek, Surace

**Against:** Crs Cusack, Marshall, Nation

**CARRIED**

**Council Resolution**

Moved by Cr Sipek, seconded by Cr Surace that Council resolves to authorise the Chief Executive Officer to give public notice of this decision in accordance with Section 129 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

**For:** Crs Byrne, Gauci Maurici, Lawrence, Marshall, Nation, Sharpe, Sipek, Surace

**Against:** Cr Cusack

**CARRIED**

**Council Resolution**

Moved by Cr Surace, seconded by Cr Gauci Maurici that Council resolves to respond to those who lodged a submission on the Proposed Budget 2019/20 in writing advising of Council's decision and the reason for the decision in accordance with Section 223(1) (d) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Council Resolution**

Moved by Cr Sipek, seconded by Cr Gauci Maurici that Council resolves to grant a rebate in relation to rates and charges to all Moonee Valley residents eligible within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 1986*. The maximum rebate is \$20.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



**10.2 Response to NoM 2019/06 - Safety lighting in public open spaces**

**Author:** Kate McCaughey - Manager Community Planning

**Directorate:** Planning and Development

**Minute No.** 2019/129

**Council Resolution**

Moved by Cr Surace, seconded by Cr Gauci Maurici that Council resolves to:

- a. Note recent site maintenance undertaken to improve safety and visibility at Hassett Crescent Reserve and the walkway between Keilor Park Drive and Darling Close in Attachment B.
- b. Investigate lighting options (including community consultation) for the walkway between Keilor Park Drive and Darling Close to Hassett Reserve.
- c. Report back to Council with lighting options and community safety initiatives for further consideration and action.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Cr Gauci Maurici left the chamber at 8.11pm and returned before the vote on the next item at 8.12pm.

**10.3 Response to petition: traffic management during events held at the Flemington Racecourse and Melbourne Showgrounds**

**Author:** Anna Psarras - Coordinator Transport Management

**Directorate:** Planning and Development

**Minute No.** 2019/130

**Council Resolution**

Moved by Cr Marshall, seconded by Cr Cusack that Council resolves to:

- a. Write to the Victoria Racing Club and request the following event traffic management arrangements for all Melbourne Cup Carnivals and all music festivals held at the Flemington Racecourse (regardless of the number of patrons attending); and
- b. Write to the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria and request the following event traffic management arrangements for all music festivals (that attract more than 10,000 patrons) at the Melbourne Showgrounds:
  - Provide a full road closure of Wisewould Street and Duncan Street at Epsom Road.
  - Provide a partial road closure of Wisewould Street and Duncan Street at Ascot Vale Road.
  - Provide a total of four (4) Traffic Controllers, to be located at the following intersections:
    - Wisewould Street and Epsom Road
    - Duncan Street and Epsom Road
    - Wisewould Street and Ascot Vale Road
    - Duncan Street and Ascot Vale Road
  - Traffic Controllers to allow residential and local visitor access only to and from Wisewould Street and Duncan Street at Ascot Vale Road.
- c. Advise City of Melbourne and the petition organiser of the outcome of this report.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **10.4 2018/19 Capital Works Program Update**

**Author:** Nikhil Aggarwal - Acting Manager Asset Planning, Property and Procurement

**Directorate:** Asset Planning and Strategic Projects

**Minute No.** 2019/131

#### **Council Resolution**

Moved by Cr Sipek, seconded by Cr Surace that Council resolves to authorise 2018/19 Capital Works Project variations requested at Section A of Attachment B.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Cr Nation requested an adjournment.

Moved Cr Nation, seconded Cr Cusack that the meeting be adjourned for five minutes.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 8.20pm and resumed at 8.27pm.

## **11. Notices of Motion**

### **11.1 Notice Of Motion No. 2019/16 - Urban Forest**

**From:** Councillor Nicole Marshall

**Minute No.** 2019/132

#### **Council Resolution**

Moved by Cr Marshall, seconded by Cr Sipek that Council resolves to receive a report at an upcoming Ordinary Council meeting in light of Council's 30 per cent canopy cover target and the acknowledgement that this target will not be achieved solely via planting on Council owned or controlled land, regarding options to establish a fund similar to the Urban Forest Fund established by the City of Melbourne.

The report should consider partnering options and opportunities within existing funding streams.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 12. Urgent Business

### 12.1 Riverside Golf, Netball and Tennis Centre

**Minute No.**            **2019/133**

#### **Council Resolution**

Moved by Cr Sipek, seconded by Cr Surace

That a report to consider the management of netball, tennis and driving range services at Riverside Golf, Netball and Tennis Centre be accepted as an item of urgent business and that it be dealt with after this meeting has been closed to the public under section 89 (2) (d) of the *Local Government Act 1989* as it considers contractual matters.

Cr Byrne moved a procedural motion that the motion be put.

**For:** Crs Sipek, Byrne, Cusack, Gauci Maurici, Lawrence, Sharpe, Surace

**Against:** Crs Marshall, Nation

**CARRIED**

## 13. Delegates Reports

Nil.

## 14. Confidential Reports

**Minute No.**            **2019/134**

#### **Council Resolution**

Moved by Cr Sipek, seconded Cr Surace that Council resolves to close the meeting to the public pursuant to Section 89(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989* to discuss the following matters:

#### **14.1 Management options for Driving Range, Riverside Golf, Netball and Tennis Centre**

Item 14.1 is Confidential under the terms section 89(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989* as it contains information relating to: (d) contractual matters.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting closed to the public at 8.43pm.