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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council
Tuesday, 25 June 2019 at 6:30pm
held at the Moonee Valley Civic Centre

Present

Members:  Cr John Sipek  Deputy Mayor
          Cr Samantha Byrne
          Cr Jim Cusack
          Cr Rebecca Gauci Maurici
          Cr Richard Lawrence
          Cr Nicole Marshall
          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
          Petrus Barry  Manager Statutory Planning
          Maddison Majer  Acting Manager Governance and Communications

1. Opening
The Deputy Mayor, Cr Sipek, opened the meeting and welcomed all present to the Council Meeting of Tuesday 25 June 2019.

2. Reconciliation Statement
On behalf of Moonee Valley City Council, the Deputy 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 Deputy Mayor also extended this respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples who call Moonee Valley home.
3. **Apologies**
   
   An apology was received from Cr Narelle Sharpe.
   
   **Minute No.** 2019/136

   **Council Resolution**
   Moved by Cr Surace, seconded by Cr Lawrence that Cr Sharpe’s apology be noted.
   
   CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **Confirmation of Minutes**

   **Minute No.** 2019/137

   **Council Resolution**
   Moved by Cr Lawrence, seconded by Cr Gauci Maurici that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 11 June 2019, be confirmed.

   CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. ** Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

   Cr Samantha Byrne declared a direct conflict of interest in item 10.2 1A Clarks Road, Keilor East (Reserve 1 on PS438596U) - Use of the land as a car park, due to residential amenity.

6. ** Presentations**

   ‘Stories from the Suburbs - Moonee Valley’ by the Moonee Valley Memoirists
   
   Cr Cusack presented Council with a copy of the book, ‘Stories from the Suburbs - Moonee Valley’ by the Moonee Valley Memoirists.

   **MobileMuster**
   
   Cr Lawrence presented Council with an award received from MobileMuster for Moonee Valley City Council being the top recycler of mobile phones in Victoria.

7. ** Petitions and Joint Letters**

   Nil.

8. ** Public Question Time**

   **Rose Iser** asked Council:
   
   Was Moonee Valley City Council ever financially compensated for the transfer of a portion of the Debneys park land (Lot A on current title, document TP956112T) for the East West Link, and if not, why has this land not been returned to Council ownership?

   **Gil Richardson, Director Asset Planning and Strategic Projects** responded the Government Gazette 9 October 2014, temporarily reserved land at Debneys Park under the Crown Lands (Reserves) Act for public purposes being for the
East West Link project. No financial compensation was made at the time, as the project was abandoned soon after, no occupation of the land occurred and an agreement entered into regarding the return of land.

Subsequently there have been Government Gazettes as part of the return process and Council is currently waiting to be registered as proprietor of the land.

Rose Iser asked Council:

What is the current arrangement between the State Government and MVCC, for Council's continued use of the land referred to in the previous question, including any arrangements for future use?

Gil Richardson Director Asset Planning and Strategic Projects responded the land is currently unreserved Crown land until Council's freehold title is restored.

In anticipation of the return of the land, Council in consultation with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) is managing the land. In the unlikely situation future use was ready for implementation prior to Council's freehold title being restored, consultation would occur with DELWP at that time.

Peter Hoyne asked Council:

This question relates to MV/164/2019 Car Park. With regard to the current proposal before Council (MV/164/2019), has Council fully considered the precedence that granting of this permit may have for all future housing developments in the city, namely the spending of Council funds and the alienation of public open space to remedy a developer's failure to fully complete a lawful development requirement?

Jessie Keating, Acting Director Planning and Development responded that Council at its meeting on 11 December 2018 resolved to endorse the Agreement between the Owners Corporation for 24 Craig Street, Keilor East and Moonee Valley City Council regarding 10 car parking spaces on Council land in exchange for public access through 24 Craig to the car park and walkway (staircase).

The Agreement is considered to balance the needs of the Owner Corporation and Council by providing public car parking including for visitors to 24 Craig St and public access to the Steele Creek corridor and proposed pedestrian bridge across Steele Creek.

Council chose this location for a public car park given its location to the Steele Creek Reserve and provides passive access for visitors in exchange for public access to the reserve.

The consideration of the planning permit application MV/164/2019 further considers the Agreement, community benefit and objector's concerns.

9. Report from Special Committees

Nil.
10. Reports

10.1 48 Holmes Road, Moonee Ponds (Lot 1 on TP803507A) - Demolition of a fence and construction of a three-storey apartment building in a Heritage Overlay

Author: Grant Michell - Principal Statutory Planner
Directorate: Planning and Development
Minute No. 2019/138

Council Resolution
Moved by Cr Marshall, seconded by Cr Cusack that Council issue a Notice of Decision to Refuse to Grant a Permit in relation to Planning Permit Application No. MV/598/2018 for the demolition of a fence and construction of a three-storey apartment building in a Heritage Overlay at 48 Holmes Road, Moonee Ponds (Lot 1 on TP803507A), on the following grounds:

1. The proposal fails to meet the overarching objective and the strategies of Clause 15.01-2 (Urban Design Principles) of the Moonee Valley Planning Scheme and would result in an urban design outcome that fails to positively contribute to the local character.

2. The proposal fails to meet the strategies contained within Clause 21.06-4 (Objectives & Strategies – Urban Design) of the Moonee Valley Planning Scheme and would result in a development that fails to appropriately respond to its location and the surrounding context.

3. The bulk, scale, form and layout of the proposal fails to meet Clause 55.02 of the Moonee Valley Planning Scheme (Neighbourhood Character and Infrastructure Objectives) and 21.06-1 (Objectives and Strategies – Neighbourhood Character), as it is not does not respect the character of the existing neighbourhood or integrate well with the street.

4. The proposed development fails to appropriately consider the heritage significance of the Heritage Overlay (HO12) and fails to appropriately respond to the decision guidelines of Clause 43.01 (Heritage) and 22.01 (Heritage) of the Moonee Valley Planning Scheme.

5. The proposed development will have an unreasonable impact upon the heritage significance of the adjoining heritage properties due to its bulk and scale.

6. The proposed development will have an unreasonable impact upon the amenity of the adjoining properties due to its bulk and scale.

7. The proposal will cause adverse traffic impacts on the surrounding area which will be substantial and unreasonable.

8. The proposal fails to satisfy the following standards contained within Clause 55 (Two or more dwellings on a lot) of the Moonee Valley Planning Scheme, and does not achieve an acceptable outcome in terms of the following objectives:
   a) Clause 55.02-3 (Dwelling Diversity);
   b) Clause 55.03-1 (Street setback); and
c) Clause 55.06-2 (Front Fences).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Cr Samantha Byrne left the Chamber at 6.58pm, due to her declared conflict of interest in the next item.

**10.2 1A Clarks Road, Keilor East (Reserve 1 on PS438596U) - Use of the land as a car park**

**Author:** Grant Michell - Principal Statutory Planner  
**Directorate:** Planning and Development  
**Minute No.:** 2019/139

**Council Resolution**

Moved by Cr Lawrence, seconded by Cr Gauci Maurici that Council issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit in relation to Planning Permit Application No. MV/164/2019 for the use of the land as a car park at 1A Clarks Road, Keilor East, subject to the following conditions:

1. Before the use starts, amended plans must be submitted in an electronic format, and drawn to scale with all relevant dimensions. The plans must be generally in accordance with the plans submitted and assessed with the application but modified to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority to show:
   a) The location and details of all signage identifying the public car park;  
   b) The width of the proposed vehicle crossing dimensioned on the plans and a notation that the crossing is at least 1.0 metre clear of the side entry pit and 2.0 metres from any utility pole;  
   c) Pedestrian visibility splays in accordance with Clause 52.06-9 (Car Parking) of the Moonee Valley Planning Scheme;  
   d) Wheel stops for all car spaces; and  
   e) The grades of the car spaces be more than 1:20 and 1:16 for all other directions.  

When approved, these plans will be endorsed and will form part of this permit.

2. The development as shown on the endorsed plans must not be altered without the written consent of the Responsible Authority.

3. Before the use approved by this permit commences, the areas set aside for the parking of vehicles, together with the associated driveways and access lanes as shown on the endorsed plans must be:
   a) Constructed;  
   b) Available for use in accordance with the endorsed plans;  
   c) Line marked or provided with another adequate means of ensuring that the boundaries of vehicle spaces are clearly indicated on the ground; and  
   d) Properly formed to such levels and drained so that they can be used in accordance with the endorsed plans, in accordance with the endorsed plans to the satisfaction of the
Responsible Authority.
The area set aside for the parking of vehicles, together with the associated
driveways and access lanes as shown on the endorsed plans must:

a) Be maintained and made available for such use; and
b) Not be used for any other purpose,
to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

4. Before the use starts, signs must be erected in association with the car
parking hereby provided, including at the entrance to 24 Craig Street,
allowing for the identification of the car park, to the satisfaction of the
Responsible Authority.

5. Before use approved by this permit commences, concrete vehicular
crossings must be constructed in accordance with Council’s Design
Standards and any obsolete, disused or redundant vehicle crossings must
be removed and the area reinstated to footpath, nature strip and kerb and
channel to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

All vehicle access points must be located a minimum of 1.0 metre from
any infrastructure including service pits and 2.0 metres from any street
tree. Alternatively, such assets may be incorporated into the crossover
with the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority and the relevant
servicing authority/agency. Subsequent works and costs in association
with relocation and/or amendment must be incurred at the owner’s cost, to
the satisfaction of the relevant servicing authority/agency and the
Responsible Authority.

6. Provision must be made for the drainage of the land including landscaped
and pavement areas. The discharge of water from the land must be
controlled around its limits to prevent any discharge onto any adjoining or
adjacent property or streets other than by means of an underground pipe
drain which is discharged to an approved legal point of discharge to the
satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

7. This permit will expire if:

a) The use does not start within (2) years of the date of this permit, or
b) The use is discontinued for a period of two (2) years.

Before the permit expires, or within six (6) months afterwards, the owner
or occupier of the land may make a written request to the responsible
authority to extend the expiry date.

Permit Notes
• This is not a building permit under the Building Act 1993. A separate
building permit is required to be obtained for any demolition or building
works.
• Before the development starts, the permit holder must contact Moonee
Valley City Council on 9243 8888 regarding legal point of discharge,
vehicular crossings, building over easements, asset protection, road
consent/occupancy etc.
• All works undertaken within any existing road reserves must accord with the requirements of the Moonee Valley City Council’s Technical Services Department and be to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

For: Crs Sipec, Gauci Maurici, Lawrence, Surace
Against: Crs Cusack, Marshall, Nation

CARRIED
Cr Byrne returned to the Chamber at 7.17pm, before the next item.

10.3 **Essendon Fields Airport Preliminary Draft Master Plan**

**Author:** Colin Harris - Senior Project Manager Infrastructure and Land Use Developments

**Directorate:** Asset Planning and Strategic Projects

**Minute No.:** 2019/140

**Council Resolution**

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

a. **Endorse the attached “Essendon Fields Airport Preliminary Draft Master Plan 2019, Moonee Valley City Council – Submission”**.

b. **Seek further meetings with Essendon Airport Pty Ltd to discuss key aspects of the Preliminary Draft Master Plan, prior to the preparation of the final draft Master Plan including their approach to community engagement and public communication.**

c. **Write to:**
   - The Hon. Jacinta Allan MP, Victorian Minister for Transport Infrastructure and
   - The Hon. Ben Carroll MP Member for Niddrie,
   - Mr Danny Pearson MP Member for Essendon.

Seeking greater commitment to public transport provision to service Essendon Fields Airport and the surrounding area and the separation of Bell Street traffic from the east bound Bulla Road off ramp.

d. **Write to:**
   - The Hon. Michael McCormack MP Minister for Infrastructure and Transport and Regional Development,
   - The Hon. Lily D’Ambrosio MP Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change,
   - The Hon. Ben Carroll MP Member for Niddrie,
   - Mr Danny Pearson MP Member for Essendon.

Seeking a meeting to discuss the use of vacant sites in Strathmore currently owned by the Commonwealth Government and leased to EAPL, for public open space.

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

**Against:** Cr Marshall

**CARRIED**
10.4 Response to Maribyrnong Road Joint Resident Letter - Unsafe Section of Maribyrnong Road

Author: Anna Psarras - Coordinator Transport Management

Directorate: Planning and Development

Minute No. 2019/141

Council Resolution
Moved by Cr Marshall, seconded by Cr Nation that Council resolves to:

a. Write to VicRoads and request that the pedestrian safety and public transport concerns raised by residents along Maribyrnong Road, between Maribyrnong River and Epsom Road, are reviewed and addressed, with a direct response provided to the organiser of the joint resident letter.

b. Write to Public Transport Victoria and Yarra Trams and request the issues related to the bus stops and tram stops raised by the residents of Maribyrnong Road are reviewed and addressed, and a direct response provided to the organiser of the joint resident letter.

c. Advise the organiser of the joint resident letter of Council’s actions and response on this matter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
10.5 Assemblies of Councillors

Author: Tracey Classon - Governance Officer
Directorate: Organisational Performance
Minute No. 2019/142

Council Resolution
Moved by Cr Surace, seconded by Cr Gauci Maurici that Council resolves to receive the following records of Assemblies of Councillors in accordance with section 80A(2) of the Local Government Act 1989.

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Apologies: Cr Sipek and Nation

**Staff present**
Kendrea Pope (Acting CEO)
Steven Lambert
Natalie Reiter
Gil Richardson

Allison Watt
Damian Hogan
Cindy Edwards

**Conflict of interest**
Nil.

**Assembly**  
Ordinary Council Meeting pre-meet held on Tuesday 2 May 2019 at 6.00pm. Committee Room, Civic Centre

**Matters considered**
Ordinary Council Meeting agenda 28 May 2019

**Councillors present**
Cr Narelle Sharpe (Mayor)
Cr Samantha Byrne
Cr Jim Cusack
Cr Rebecca Gauci Maurici
Cr Richard Lawrence
Cr Nicole Marshall
Cr Andrea Surace

Apologies: Cr Sipek and Nation

**Staff present**
Kendrea Pope (Acting CEO)
Steven Lambert
Allison Watt

Gil Richardson
Natalie Reiter
Cindy Edwards

**Conflict of interest**
Nil.

**Assembly**  
Strategic Briefing held on Tuesday 4 June 2019 at 6.04pm. Committee Room, Civic Centre

**Matters considered**
1. 2019/2020 Budget and Capital Works Plan
2. Service Planning
3. Essendon Fields Master Plan
4. East West Link
5. Review of the draft agenda for the OCM 11 June 2019

**Councillors present**
Cr John Sipek (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Samantha Byrne
Cr Jim Cusack
Cr Rebecca Gauci Maurici
Cr Nicole Marshall
Cr Andrea Surace

Apologies: Crs Sharpe, Nation and Lawrence

**Staff present**
Kendrea Pope (Acting CEO)
Steven Lambert
Gil Richardson
Allison Watt
Jessie Keating

Damian Hogan
Maria Weiss
Kate Heissenbuttel
Cindy Edwards

**Conflict of interest**
Nil.

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**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
Cr Nation left the chamber at 7.47pm and returned at 7.49pm before the vote on the next item.

11. Notices of Motion

11.1 Notice Of Motion 2019/17 - Pedestrian crossings in Essendon North

From: Councillor Rebecca Gauci Maurici

Council Resolution

Moved by Cr Gauci Maurici, seconded by Cr Lawrence that Council resolves that a report is brought back to Council with regard to traffic and pedestrian safety in Essendon North Village which identifies:

a) Particular areas or points of concern which have been raised through LATM studies and feedback from the community
b) Work already undertaken or scheduled to be undertaken in the area and timelines
c) Advocacy previously undertaken in this area (details of form taken, to whom and dates)
d) Further potential advocacy to address items of concern
e) Any other relevant matters.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.2 Notice of Motion 2019/18 Flemington Hub

From: Councillor Andrea Surace

Motion

Moved by Cr Surace, seconded by Cr Lawrence take notice that at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 25 June 2019 it is my intention to move:

That Council resolves to write to local State and Federal Members of Parliament noting:

• Council’s resolution of 11 June 2019 to adopt the Council Budget 2019-20, Strategic Resource Plan 2020-23 and Long-Term Capital Works Plan to 2044-45, including the adjustment made to funding for the Flemington Community Hub project;
• That the Flemington Community Hub project remains a top priority for Council and is vital to the Flemington community and surrounds;
• That the impacts of restrictions such as rate-capping are such that we require the support of partners in order to be able to achieve all of the major goals we have on behalf of the Moonee Valley community;
• That as per the Advocacy Strategy 2018-21, Council is seeking a contribution of $20 million from external partners to help fund the Flemington Community Hub project.

That we renew our calls on the State and Federal Government to partner
with us in funding a new Community Hub for Flemington.

Cr Lawrence left the meeting at 8.02pm before the adjournment and returned at 8.10pm.

Moved by Cr Surace seconded by Cr Gauci Maurici that the meeting be adjourned for five minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8.03pm and resumed at 8.10pm.

Amendment

Minute No. 2019/145

Council Resolution
Moved by Cr Marshall, seconded by Cr Cusack that Council receives a report back at the Ordinary Council meeting of 23 July 2019 in relation to the reallocation by Council of $22.5 million to the Flemington Hub, restoring its total budget to $42.5 million together with amendments as necessary to the Strategic Resources Plan to enable the community to engage with Councillors in relation to the importance of the Hub to the residents living on the Flemington Public Housing Estate and the broader Flemington and surrounding community.

For: Crs Cusack, Marshall, Nation
Against: Crs Sipek, Byrne, Gauci Maurici, Lawrence, Surace

LOST

Cr Marshall moved that she disagreed with the Chairperson’s ruling on a point of order under 10.6 of the Meeting Procedure Protocol at 8.36pm. Seconded by Cr Cusack.

Cr Sipek vacated the Chair at 8.37pm in accordance with the Meeting Protocol.

Acting CEO Kendrea Pope took the Chair and called for nominations for a temporary Chairperson.

Cr Sipek nominated Cr Byrne as temporary Chairperson, no other nominations were received.

Moved by Cr Sipek, seconded by Cr Gauci Maurici that Cr Byrne be the temporary Chairperson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Byrne assumed the Chair at 8.38pm and adjourned the meeting at 8.39pm.

The meeting resumed at 8.48pm.

Cr Byrne put the motion that her ruling on the point of order be upheld. Seconded by Cr Gauci Maurici.

For: Crs Sipek, Byrne, Gauci Maurici, Lawrence, Surace
Against: Crs Cusack, Marshall, Nation

CARRIED

Cr Byrne vacated the Chair at 8.55pm.

Deputy Mayor Cr Sipek resumed the chair at 8.55pm.
Meeting adjourned at 8.59pm and resumed 9.04pm.

Amendment

Minute No. 2019/146

Council Resolution
Moved by Cr Nation, seconded by Cr Cusack that the following additional point be added the motion:

- The $22.5 million that was originally allocated to the Flemington Hub project is quarantined and not reallocated to further projects in Council's long term capital works plan or new projects.

For: Crs Cusack, Marshall, Nation
Against: Crs Sipek, Byrne, Gauci Maurici, Lawrence, Surace

LOST

Meeting adjourned at 9.23pm and resumed at 9.29pm.
Cr Gauci Maurici moved a procedural motion that the amendment be put at 9.33pm.
Meeting adjourned at 9.35pm and resumed at 9.37pm. At 9.37pm the amendment was put to the vote.

Amendment

Minute No. 2019/147

Council Resolution
Moved by Cr Marshall, seconded by Cr Cusack that Council write to the Ombudsman and the Inspectorate to seek clarification as to whether the arrangement in relation to the Flemington Hub is legal or any way contravenes the provisions of the Local Government Act or any other principle or law applicable to Moonee Valley Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Byrne moved a procedural motion that the substantive motion be put at 9.37pm

Council Resolution

Minute No. 2019/148

Council Resolution
Moved by Cr Surace, seconded by Cr Lawrence that Council resolves to

1. Write to local State and Federal Members of Parliament noting:
   - Council's resolution of 11 June 2019 to adopt the Council Budget 2019-20, Strategic Resource Plan 2020-23 and Long-Term Capital Works Plan to 2044-45, including the adjustment made to funding for the Flemington Community Hub project;
   - That the Flemington Community Hub project remains a top priority for Council and is vital to the Flemington community and surrounds;
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2. Write to the Ombudsman and the Inspectorate to seek clarification as to whether the arrangement in relation to the Flemington Hub is legal or any way contravenes the provisions of the Local Government Act or any other principle or law applicable to Moonee Valley Council.

For: Crs Sipek, Byrne, Gauci Maurici, Lawrence, Marshall, Nation, Surace
Against: Cr Cusack

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12. Urgent Business
Nil

13. Delegates Reports
Cr Cusack reported on his activities as a Council’s delegate.

14. Confidential Reports
Nil

15. Close of Meeting
The meeting concluded at 9.40pm

CR JOHN SIPEK
CHAIRPERSON