



**Maribyrnong City Council**

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday 15 November, 2022  
6.30pm**

**Community Hall  
Braybrook Community Hub  
107–139 Churchill Avenue  
Braybrook**

**MEMBERSHIP**

Councillor Sarah Carter (Chair)  
Councillor Michael Clarke  
Councillor Simon Crawford  
Councillor Jorge Jorquera  
Councillor Cuc Lam  
Councillor Bernadette Thomas  
Councillor Anthony Tran

To be confirmed at the Council Meeting  
to be held on 6 December, 2022

## **1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING AND WELCOME**

The meeting commenced at 6.34pm.

The Chair, Cr Sarah Carter made the following acknowledgement statement:

*"We acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Kulin Nation. We offer our respect to the Elders of these traditional lands, and through them to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, past and present".*

### **PRESENT**

Councillor Sarah Carter (Chair)  
Councillor Michael Clarke  
Councillor Simon Crawford  
Councillor Anthony Tran

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Chief Executive Officer, Celia Haddock  
Director Community Services, Lucas Gosling  
Director Infrastructure Services, Patrick Jess  
Director Corporate Services, Lisa King  
Director Planning and Environment, Laura Jo Mellan  
Manager Governance and Commercial Services, Phil McQue  
Coordinator Community Infrastructure and Planning, Malcolm Roberts Palmer  
Governance Officer, Jessica Baguley

## **2. APOLOGIES**

Nil.

## **3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The following Councillors have been granted Leave of Absence for this meeting:  
Cr Jorge Jorquera, Cr Cuc Lam and Cr Bernadette Thomas.

## **4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

## 5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Public Question Time opened at 6.37pm and Council received 64 questions.

### Cameron Cahill

1. I want to commend Council for their adoption of the LGBTIQ+ Strategy and Action Plan last meeting. Building on and supporting this amazing work. I wanted to know, will Council be flying the Trans Flag to mark Trans Day of Remembrance on 20 November?
2. As Council knows, over 500 same sex couples call Maribyrnong home and in your new LGBTIQ+ Strategy and Action Plan, Council will advocate for local services and resource to support rainbow families, but would Council consider taking the lead by establishing a playgroup for rainbow families to support those families who have children like mine?
3. As someone who works in diversity, inclusion and belonging I commend Council for including LGBTIQ+ inclusion training for Councillors and staff in your LGBTIQ+ Strategy and Action Plan. What, if any, training do Council's community care staff receive on LGBTIQ+ inclusion at the moment, and when will all training be rolled out for staff and councillors?

### Response

*The Chair responded to the first question by acknowledging the renovations and restrictions to the site as it is still an active worksite at Town Hall and that Council hopes to fly the Trans Flag proudly. The Chair advised that the LGBTQIA+ Advisory Committee would be very pleased to see the Trans Flag raised at Town Hall.*

*The Chair responded to the second question by noting that Council will consider Cameron Cahill's play group initiative and table the initiative for the LGBTQIA+ Advisory Group, to support and increase the engagement of rainbow families within play groups and parenting programs such as 'Baby Makes 3'. The Chair also noted that the Committee welcomes any further input to enable inclusiveness.*

*In response to the final question, the Chief Executive Officer advised that over the next two years Council is rolling out a program of employee and leadership training within the context of the Gender Equality Action Plan focusing on:*

- Gender equitable and inclusive workplaces,*
- Diversity inclusion, and*
- Beyond Diversity: Unconscious Bias Foundation modules.*

*The Chief Executive noted that Council is committed to designing, developing or accessing ongoing LGBTIQ+ inclusion training for Councillors and staff as outlined under Objective 4 of the LGBTIQ+ Strategy and Action Plan.*

*The Chief Executive Officer advised that work has commenced to explore and assess the types of LGBTIQ+ inclusion training programs that build on and complement Council's learning and development priorities, and tailored for local government settings, employees and leadership.*

*The outcomes of this work will inform the next stage of planning to deliver LGBTIQ+ inclusion training later in 2023.*

#### Rebecca Leighton

- 1. Will Council, in consultation with its LGBTIQ+ Community Advisory Group, investigate Rainbow Tick accreditation of its services and programs to ensure they are inclusive of LGBTIQ+ people and their families?*
- 2. Given that Merri-bek City Council has committed to release a public statement of support for the inclusion of trans and gender diverse people in all sports in Merri-bek, will Maribyrnong City Council do the same?*
- 3. Will Council march in next year's Midsumma Pride March?*

#### Response

*The Chief Executive Officer advised that the LGBTQIA+ Advisory Committee whilst not pursuing this specific framework, would use gender impact assessment outcomes to pursue minimum LGBTIQ+ accreditation service standards that are appropriate, applicable and tailored for local government organisations.*

*Council will seek advice from the Committee on the tick accreditation for local government, as the current Rainbow Tick program would not be appropriate for Maribyrnong City Council.*

*The Chair also responded by noting that Council took this accreditation into consideration ahead of the Australian Local Government Association meeting.*

*The Chief Executive Officer acknowledged that Council strongly supports local sport and recreation clubs, several of which are working to actively increase the participation and inclusion of LGBTIQ+ people including Trans and gender diverse people.*

*The Chief Executive Officer outlined that under Objective 1 of the LGBTIQ+ Strategy and Action Plan, officers will be undertaking a needs analysis to understand their lived experience, needs and interests and will be working with local sport and recreation clubs and community members to facilitate culturally safe service improvements to better meet their needs.*

*In response to the third question, the Chair answered on behalf of the Councillors that they often attend Midsumma and other Pride marches.*

*The Chief Executive Officer noted that staff had attended five of the last six events and encouraged staff where comfortable to participate in those marches under the Local Government Professionals banner alongside.*

**Brian Sanderson**

1. On 26 October Council promoted an event via an image of a man smoking and drinking on social media. This could be seen by some as Council's endorsement or even promotion of drinking and smoking. How is this consistent with Council policy which seeks to reduce the risks of both alcohol and tobacco within our community?
2. Will Council to commit to a no tolerance policy on promotion of alcohol and smoking on all its social media platforms?

**Response**

The Chief Executive Officer advised that an image of a man smoking and drinking was posted on Council's Instagram platform, promoting the appearance of a DJ as part of a community event. This was the promotional image provided by the DJ for this event. It was posted by a third party to promote the event.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that Council does not promote alcohol and smoking on any of its channels.

Council acknowledges by allowing access to our social platform by a third party to support promotion of this event that an image that would not otherwise have been approved, and unfortunately was able to be posted.

The Chief Executive Officer accepted the message is inconsistent with Council's policy which seeks to reduce the risks of both alcohol and tobacco in our community.

The Chief Executive Officer appreciated Mr Sanderson raising his concerns. The image has been deleted and Council will be reinforcing our expectations with third party providers around any future use of our social platforms going forward.

Statement by the Chief Executive Officer - Ms Celia Haddock – Mclvor Reserve Draft Master Plan for Community Consultation

The Chief Executive Officer advised that Council is considering Agenda Item 9.1 Mclvor Reserve Draft Master Plan, which is the subject of a number of public questions received.

The Chief Executive Officer made the following statement before proceeding to respond to the public questions received.

The Chief Executive Officer assured the community that the Mclvor Reserve Draft Master Plan is just that, a draft Master Plan prepared for the purpose of engaging with our community.

For those watching the meeting who are not overly familiar with this project, the Maribyrnong Indoor Sports Strategy 2018 identified Mclvor Reserve as one of many sites for the potential location of an indoor sports centre.

Council in 2021 subsequently commenced a process to develop a Master Plan for Mclvor Reserve that reflected both the current and future needs and demands of the sporting clubs and casual users of the Reserve.

The draft Master Plan presented for Council has been informed by extensive consultation and input with a broad range of stakeholders and community members.

Council is being requested tonight to consider whether to proceed to commence community engagement on this draft Master Plan. Should Council resolve to do so, a detailed community engagement process would be implemented, including:

- Information brochures being circulated to nearby residents.
- A series of Face to Face sessions where the community can ask officers questions, which I would encourage you to attend.
- Council's online engagement portal 'Your City Your Voice' will be open for community submissions. This site will have accompanying detailed information about the draft Master Plan and Frequently Asked Questions.

Feedback received during the community engagement process would be presented back to Council for consideration in 2023.

It is important to note that any proposed future commitment to an indoor stadium in Maribyrnong would still require a Business Plan, Funding Strategy, and Management Model to be presented to Council for consideration, in addition to any other detailed planning such as a Traffic Management Plan.

For those querying the timing of this item, Council has previously committed to present the draft Master Plan to the community for consultation during 2022, and as such has been working towards this item being presented to the November Council 2022 meeting.

*The Local Government Act 2020 specifically prescribes the requirements for a Council meeting to have a quorum. Tonight's Council meeting has a quorum and therefore any decision made is lawful and in compliance with the Act.*

*Finally, there are some questions received this evening that will be taken on board by Council as part of the community engagement process should Council resolve to proceed with the officer recommendation.*

*The Chief Executive Officer informed the Chair that Council could now proceed to the Mclvor Reserve public questions.*

## **EXTENSION OF PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Moved Cr Simon Crawford, Seconded Cr Anthony Tran

That Council extend Public Question Time for a further 15 minutes.

**CARRIED**

*Public Question Time was extended at 6.52pm*

### Greg Randall

1. Why is Council being asked to endorse the release of the Mclvor Masterplan discussion paper when three elected members are on leave for state elections? Surely a document dealing with such a significant investment into a highly contested environment should be voted on and endorsed (or not) by all elected members?
2. In regards to the Mclvor Masterplan discussion paper: This paper only canvases one costed option that advances significant investments in sporting facilities as the primary strategy? Why are more balanced and/or staged options not being presented for consideration given the community's responses to the engagement process?
3. Will a compliant business case be developed and presented to the public for comment prior to any decisions being made in relation for the significant investments proposed for an Indoor Stadium? Will a business case study also consider consequential changes to the Bowling Club and its gaming machine business taking place on Council property as well as the proposed operating model?

### Response

*The Chair advised that this item is being presented to Council for approval to go to community consultation. The Chair acknowledged that Councillors were not present, however due to the intent for Council to only engage in community consultation, Council is satisfied to present and consider the item.*

*In response to the second question, the Chair advised that the Masterplan process was born out of the Indoor Sports Strategy (2018), where it was identified that there was a critical need for a further six basketball courts. In 2019 Council began to search for the appropriate location for the community infrastructure, McIvor Reserve has been presented by officers as the best alternative at this time.*

*In response to the third question, the Chief Executive Officer referred to the preamble and reiterated that Council would be required to prepare a management plan and business model prior to Council committing to an indoor stadium*

### Amanda Barron

1. What is Council's proposed financial contribution into the \$60 million of funding required to pay for the McIvor masterplan? Where will Council access the remaining funds?
2. How does Council justify pulling down the existing baseball clubs rooms and moving them only several metres away closer to rate paying residents? Particularly when they were only built within the last 10 years with rate payers funds?
3. How will the proposed changes to the baseball club rooms improve liveability for local rate paying residents? Particularly given the addition of competition grade flood lights, additional traffic, pulling down trees to make way for car spaces and the moving of a licensed club venue closer to residents houses? What will council do to mitigate the impacts to local residents of the additional light pollution, noise, lack of trees and traffic?

### Response

*The Chair responded to the first question by noting that Council is operating in a rate capping environment and notes that these generational projects are not delivered solely by the input of Council, and rely on the contribution of State and Federal funding. Council needs a solid business case and operational masterplan to present and apply for additional funding.*



*In response to the second question, the Chair highlighted that Council is constantly looking at the optimisation of community assets and these difficult decisions are required from Council. The response from the community will be weighed up throughout the consultation process as Councillors engage with community clubs and get feedback and look at the officer proposal. The Chair noted the balance against the community expectations and infrastructure that Councillors are mandated to provide to the community, and the balance of the value of open space and health benefits. The draft masterplan presents one of those difficult decisions of Council.*

*In response to the final question, the Chair responded to the traffic management plan and noted that the community has already provided ideas and Council are listening to those submissions. The Chair referenced that Council is working to its Strategic Plan to optimise Council's assets for passive users of the parks, dog owners and participants in sport.*

Vicki McMahon

1. How can you justify such a waste of green space for 6 basketball courts?
2. How will you fix car park and traffic issues that the basketball court games will create?
3. Are you cutting 100 trees in order to create concrete jungle basketball courts?

Response

*The Chair responded to the first question by first noting that there are different parameters for what is considered a waste of green space. The proposal put forward shows a 2.5% variant on open space.*

*In response to the second question, the Chair responded by noting that this would only be identified if Council decided to endorse the Masterplan. If this occurs, Council would be required to prepare a Traffic Management Plan.*

*In response to the final question, the Chief Executive Officer, noted that the draft overall process identifies a net gain of trees. The Chair also noted that Councillors have raised this issue internally.*

Clint Catley

1. Given the scale of the adjacent Bradmill site, of approx. 1000 residences, and businesses, how does the council justify the loss of greenspace to the expanding community, by building a stadium on this site?
2. How do they intend to manage the increased traffic in the surrounding streets that are already burdened with too many cars during training nights & game days between the existing soccer, hockey, cricket, football, baseball, and lacrosse & lawn bowls clubs? Is that not enough space for sports as it is?

Response

*In response to the first question, the Chief Executive Officer advised that the proposed Bradmill site redevelopment has a provision of open space separate to Mclvor Reserve and that proposal has more open space than they are required to provide.*

*The Chief Executive Officer noted the draft Council Master Plan was developed after extensive community input through Stage 1 of the engagement process, as well as Council's strategic imperative to provide a balance of recreation opportunities for the community. The proposed Bradmill Site Redevelopment has a provision of open space separate to Mclvor Reserve.*

*The Chair responded to the second question by noting that there is a requirement to provide enough parking that is developed during the process, and the movements of vehicles stage comes after the adoption of a Master Plan.*

Lydia Spicer

1. There has been no plans for Mclvor Reserve until the inclusion of a basketball stadium. Why has there been no effort for a plan on Mclvor Reserve that does not include the basketball stadium?
2. What traffic management plan for the next 5 years has been put in place to include this and the other approved plans, such as Bradmill for the local area?

Response

*The Chair responded to the first question by referencing the Indoor Sports Strategy (2018) as to why the Master Plan had been initiated.*

*In accordance with clause 52.8.2 of Council's Governance Rules, the second question was disallowed by the Chairperson due to it being considered objectionable in substance.*

*In response to the final question, the Chair identified that Council would undertake a traffic management plan if Council were to resolve on the Master Plan. The Chair noted that Council is not at that stage of the process and the Draft Master Plan for community consultation is up for determination.*

Mina Mazzeo

1. Is there a reason why the basketball community can't utilise Rec West Whitten Oval or Vic Uni for their games, as Altona utilise one stadium for a population of surrounding suburbs three times that of Maribyrnong?
2. Please answer why the majority of those playing basketball are from other lga's and the traffic on Francis Street is already chaotic so why would you waste green space for players and cars from other suburbs?
3. There are more dog owners than basketball players in this local vicinity. Also that area sits on a floodplain. We need the green space for water drainage not a steel building that'll flood.

### Response

*The Chair responded to the first question by noting that RecWest Braybrook and Victoria University Community Stadium are at capacity for community sport. Further, there is a clear gap in provision of indoor courts across the municipality and community owned infrastructure.*

*The Chair responded to the second question by noting that while some participants may reside in neighbouring municipalities, a significant proportion reside in Maribyrnong City Council, and Council is obligated to provide facilities for a range of recreational pursuits, including indoor sports for older and younger communities.*

*The Chair considered the third question a statement and advised that the purpose of community consultation is to cater for everyone in the municipality.*

*Cr Michael Clarke queried whether Mclvor Reserve is on a floodplain with the Director Infrastructure Services confirming that Mclvor Reserve is not on a floodplain.*

### **EXTENSION OF PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Moved Cr Michael Clarke, Seconded Cr Anthony Tran

That Council extend Public Question Time for a further 15 minutes.

**CARRIED**

*Public Question Time was extended at 6.50pm.*

### Barbara Hart

1. Why has Council not considered a brown site to build a basketball stadium rather than taking away our green open space at Mclvor Reserve? I dispute that we will only lose 2.5% of open green space.
2. I have read the consultant's report and am very concerned about the number of cars that will be accessing Mclvor Reserve clogging our neighbourhood streets. There is no public transport down Francis Street and with the Bradmill site having at least 3000 new residents there will be major problems with traffic.
3. As someone who uses the park twice a day I am very concerned that the Council is not listening to the majority of residents who don't want a basketball stadium built on Mclvor Reserve. Why have you ignored our concerns about taking away green open space as we have least amount in the West?

Response

*The Chair responded to the first question by advising that Council has considered the suggestions that have been provided however noted that there is a cost involved in other brown sites, especially within a rate capped environment.*

*In response to the second question, the Chief Executive Officer noted there is a bus service located on Francis Street and advised the initial analysis demonstrates the traffic volume generated by the proposed Indoor Stadium is within the capacity of the surrounding road network. A detailed traffic management report would be undertaken in the future.*

*In response to the third question, the Chair advised that Council cannot comment on an item that has not been resolved. The Chair acknowledged that Maribyrnong Council does have a limited amount of green open space and is working towards community infrastructure and acquiring more green open space.*

Tony Whittaker

1. Green space is a precious commodity in the Maribyrnong area - why would you possibly consider approving a plan to destroy such a vital community resource?
2. What and how many alternative sites have been considered for building the facilities proposed for Mclvor Reserve?
3. Unlike the Yarraville pay parking issue, once the green space of Mclvor Reserve is lost, there is no easy fix if there is a later change of mind - it's gone for good! Before making such an irrevocable and, in my view, incorrect decision, wouldn't you have to agree that more thought should go into alternatives such as a "No Stadium" option for Mclvor Reserve to save public space and build the new facility in an area that isn't a significant public park?

Response

*The Chair in response to the first question advised the Council cannot comment on an item that has not been resolved and noted that it is a vital community resource but still yet to be decided on.*

*The Chair responded to the second question by noting that this has already been answered and referenced the processes of the MAC and Vic Track.*

*The Chair responded to the final question by noting that this had been answered previously.*

Myles Landon

1. Why does the draft Master Plan for Mclvor Reserve include changing so much green space into car parks including Benbow Street?
2. Why is there no option for a no stadium update that could be included in the draft plan?
3. Regarding the Mclvor Reserve Master Plan - Why was feedback of users not really considered? Most users and sporting groups just asked for updated facilities, storage and changing rooms, toilets. None have asked for new car parks or reducing green space including adding a car park on Benbow street.

Response

*The Chair noted that both questions have been answered previously.*

*The Chair responded to the third question by advising that the draft Master Plan was based on community input and prepared by officers in Stage 1 of the process and balanced recreational sporting opportunity and open space requirements. The recommendation proposes the next steps for phase 2 of community consultation.*

Shari Liby

1. Regarding the Yarraville survey respondents, you provided the percentages who were in support of and against the stadium at Mclvor Reserve. What was the total number of Yarraville respondents and how many in Yarraville (a number, not a percentage) said they were in favour of the stadium, how many said they were not in favour of the stadium, and how many said they were undecided about an indoor stadium at Mclvor Reserve?
2. At the time the survey was completed, respondents could identify as a local living near Mclvor Reserve. How many people responded that they a Mclvor neighbour? For all of the people who so identified, what number (not percentage) advised they were in favour of the stadium at Mclvor, what number advised they were opposed to the stadium at Mclvor, and what number advised they were undecided?
3. There is no quantifiable discussion in the draft Master Plan of the current use of the park for dog walking as there are for various sports users, even the teams that are only a 'semi-regular' users. How can you determine the present and future needs of residents who exercise their dogs at Mclvor without data about current and projected use? How many residents are there per dog in Yarraville, currently? How many dogs are in the Mclvor Reserve dog park catchment area that either currently use the park or might use it if it were appropriately upgraded?

### Response

*The Chair responded to the first question by advising that 843 survey respondents identified as Yarraville residents - 311 were in favour, 538 against and 94 undecided.*

*In response to the second question, the Chair noted that 74% as Yarraville residents and 25% of those as immediate neighbours. Of the group 37% were in support and 52% opposed - the remainder were undecided.*

*In response to the final question, the Chair advised that the draft Master Plan proposes two specific dog off leash areas as well as sports fields available as dog off leash areas when not in use for formal sport. The draft Master Plan has sought to provide for a balance of recreational pursuits. There are 7,005 registered dogs within Maribyrnong City Council and 1,978 in Yarraville.*

### Chaedy Ritherdon

1. The proposed site for the stadium is in a public transport desert - there are no buses nor trams, and the nearest train station is Yarraville Station (a 30 min walk). Why is the Council considering a site with no public transport services, rather than other sites that are already connected to public transport services?
2. Could each of the Councillors please describe their lived experience with using dog off leash parks in Maribyrnong, especially the McIvor Dog Park?
3. If Councillors don't own dogs and don't use McIvor, what steps have you taken to inform yourselves of the value McIvor holds to dog owners, and why McIvor is one of the best dog parks in Melbourne?

### Response

*The Chief Executive Officer noted that after the proposed consultation, a further report would be brought back to Council detailing the results of consultation. The Chief Executive Officer acknowledged that transport would not be developed unless Council resolves to adopt a Master Plan.*

*The Chair advised she does not own a dog, however she was Mayor when Council opened their first fenced dog park in the 2010's, and she has friends with dogs and dog sitters frequently visiting Yarraville dog park.*

*Cr Michael Clarke advised Council were responsible for the fenced dog park at McIvor Reserve and oversaw the planning, development and implementation.*

## EXTENSION OF PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Moved Cr Anthony Tran, Seconded Cr Simon Crawford

That Council extend Public Question Time for a further 15 minutes.

**CARRIED**

*Public Question Time was extended at 7.07pm.*

*Cr Simon Crawford advised that he does not own a dog but is a dog lover. Cr Crawford noted that Council needs more fenced off dog parks.*

*Cr Anthony Tran advised he is a dog lover and owns a Husky (Storm) and celebrated the opening of the dog park at Pipemakers Creek.*

*In response to the final question, the Chair responded that this question had previously been answered and highlighted that Councillors have a responsibility to domestic animals and they do not have to own a dog to understand the importance of planning for that part of community infrastructure.*

### Norhana Stipic

1. Regarding the proposed Benbow St car park, how will Council limit the disturbance and influx of traffic this would create on an already narrow street?
2. What safety precautions have Council put in place for current residents who will have their streets turned into car parks?
3. Why isn't there an option for the draft master plan to include a no stadium update?

### Response

*The Chair noted that all three questions had already been answered previously.*

### Mark Baulch

1. Your plan says that 45.4% of people in Yarraville are between 50 to 60+ years. This masterplan is so sport-focused that the bits left over for everyone else really feel like an afterthought. What "improvements" do you believe are included in the Masterplan, as written, that significantly improve the unstructured recreational needs of almost 50% of the local population? It sounds like from what you have said about Yarraville's low cultural diversity and the decrease in interest in organised sport as people age, you don't think the indoor stadium will really be targeting their needs, so what is?

2. In the draft masterplan you say that the lack of any concrete information on cost, size and location, led to some speculation, myths and baseless assumptions dominating the conversations at the Face-to-Face events at the reserve. Whose fault is that? The residents who attended the Council meeting in good faith, or Council for not being prepared to give us the information we needed to provide feedback? What is this "speculation, myths and baseless assumptions" you believe "dominated" the conversations, because I was there I don't remember that at all.
3. When was the idea of the proposed new indoor facility first discussed at Council level as when Michael Clarke spoke to people at the dog park early in the year nothing about this plan was mentioned, all that was discussed was what he promised to do as in lights, rain cover, double gates etc., nothing was mentioned about ratepayers paying for a new bowling club which is an incorporated body funded by pokies, a TAB and alcohol sales. This will let us know whether the truth was being told to us or not and whether he should remain a councillor?

Response

*The Chief Executive Officer responded by noting that Council facilities are open to all community members of Maribyrnong, as well as residents of other municipalities.*

*The Chair also noted that participants in sports may decline due to the availability of community infrastructure and Council is recognising the shortage of courts within the community and looking to continue sports participation.*

*The Chair noted that these topics would be addressed in an adopted Master Plan.*

*In response to the second question, Director Infrastructure Services, Mr Patrick Jess advised that Council's planning process will progressively explore project concepts and adding further due diligence to project ideas as they progress. At the initial phase of the Masterplan the intent was to gather community views on what should be considered in the park, community feedback was considered into the new draft of the Masterplan for community consultation.*

*The Chief Executive Officer responded to the final question by advising that the information being presented to Council tonight is transparent and reflective of community consultation. The Chair noted that conversations of an indoor facility have been occurring since the adoption of the Indoor Sports Strategy in 2018.*

*The Chair noted that what is being proposed by officers would involve a look into Council's Gambling Policy and discussions with the Bowls Club on how this may be achieved.*



Dermot Cullen

1. The draft Mclvor Master Plan says half of the people who have responded so far are against the development of a basketball stadium at Mclvor. How have the views of these people been captured in the draft?
2. Council have previously said roughly \$70,000 was budgeted for the development of the draft masterplan. What is the final figure?
3. Comments from the Council during the community engagement phase suggested that Mclvor is a preferred site for a basketball stadium due to its proximity to public transport. Why are nearly 300 new car parking spaces needed if one of the main reasons for building the basketball stadium at Mclvor is how well serviced it is by public transport?

Response

*In response to the first question, the Chief Executive Officer referenced the report and noted that it has outlined the summary of views of participants in sports.*

*The Chief Executive Officer responded to the second question by advising that there is a budget for developing the Master Plan, however this is an estimate. The final figure will be contingent on the engagement outcome and what is resolved to be located on the site. There are funds to support design in the budget, however these will not be called on until a decision is made by the Council.*

*In response to the final question, the Chair acknowledged that the site has been planned to ensure that it has adequate provision of parking based on the industry standards for indoor sports facilities.*

*Council is actively supporting a shift from cars to active transport options. This shift is further supported by creating local facilities that can be accessed by bike for example.*

Judith Wright

1. During Question Time at the City Development Delegated Committee Meeting on the 26 July 2022, the Committee replied that there would be further consultation with the community following the publication of the Draft Master Plan. Has the Committee set a date and time to consult with residents and ratepayers of the Mclvor Community, Friends of the Mclvor Reserve, and Users of the Dog Park?

Response

*The Chair advised that this item is pending a decision by Council and should Council resolve to release the Draft Master Plan for community consultation, the public will be notified of the consultation dates.*

Jules Griffith

1. We've hearing a lot about dogs, trees, birds, but what consideration is being given to one of the most disadvantaged groups in Maribyrnong, the kids? Kids don't answer online surveys, don't generally stand up at Council meetings, and aren't keyboard warriors, so how are the voices of the young people of Maribyrnong being considered in Council's decision on a new stadium?
2. Council's indoor stadium strategy is four years only and this is the first genuine proposal to act on the findings from the report that up to 12 new indoor courts will be needed by 2036. If this project doesn't go ahead, what is the alternative in the southern end of the municipality, and let's be honest, Council isn't in the position to buy "brown space" for a new stadium?
3. Can Council confirm that on the adjoining Bradmills site, this former industrial estate will be transformed to include a number of new local parks and significant planting of trees?

Response

*In response to the first question, the Chair noted that there have been submissions from younger citizens and Cr Carter thanked the responses received so far. The Chair noted that the Strategy identified gaps specifically in participation of children for indoor sports and this the motivator for Council's Indoor Sports Strategy.*

*In response to the second question the Chair noted that 11 sites were identified, of which nine had been excluded for a number of issues. Mclvor Reserve and Robert Barrett Reserve (MAC) are the two options currently being explored.*

**EXTENSION OF PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Moved Cr Michael Clarke, seconded Cr Anthony Tran

That Council extend Public Question Time for a further 15 minutes.

**CARRIED**

*Public Question Time was extended at 7.22pm.*

Julia Boonzaier

1. I am a resident of Benbow Street and devastated by the Master Plan's proposal to turn Benbow Street into a carpark. What is a quiet peaceful and beautiful tree lined street will turn into a noisy, busy, concrete area unsafe for children. Can the council have a meeting with the residents of Benbow Street to get their feedback and discuss our concerns to take into account before approving the Master Plan?

### Response

*The Chair advised that the intent is to place limited parking amongst the established tree, moving the baseball field further into the park and ensuring the footpath is realigned and retained.*

### Laken Willis

1. Why are you not talking about the elephant in the park? The Bradmills is going to have 8 story apartments along the Western side of the park and we already have the white Westgate wall to the South. If you build a massive 3 story stadium to the North isn't that going to box in the park with massive structures on 3 of its 4 sides? Why isn't all of that depicted in your schematics?
2. Do any of the people who developed these plans own dogs or have expertise in animal behaviour? Putting a dog park entrance on the corner of what will be a busy street, even with double gates, is a poor idea. Reducing the size of an already very busy dog park when there will be hundreds of new dogs coming in from next door is a poor idea. Putting a busy car park with basketball mums and dads racing to drop off junior for a game right next to a dog park is a bad idea. Putting a dog park right next to backyard fences (with dogs) is a bad idea. Do you see how all of this will lead to scared dogs, fights, and injuries to dogs and people?
3. I was at the meetings with Council back in May and there were a lot of improvements and upgrades people talked about. After waiting all these months to see the Masterplan, it is pretty disappointing to see that what was said there was largely ignored. So much for our community garden, hundreds of new trees, or even a light in the dog park. It's ironic that the meetings took place at the BBQ area that was just built a few years ago that you now apparently want to tear down. What was the point of those meetings and all of the online feedback, if you are just going to ignore what people want? What do you say to those of us who feel ignored?

### Response

*In response to the first question the Chair noted that the schematics represent park perspectives and serve only as an impression of what could be.*

*The Chair noted that parts of the second question had previously been answered and parts of the second question were a statement.*

*In response to the final question, the Chair noted that this is the process of community consultation.*

Nick Fitzsimmons

1. I am a coach of a number of boys and girls youth basketball teams, 31% are females, 20% are from minority groups largely under-represented in this conversation. I volunteer 8 hours a week every week through the school year. Community sport infrastructure is a critical factor that provides inclusive amenities for local communities. Providing a gathering place for a broad range of events.

If the basketball stadium is delayed or not built what measures will the council implement to help facilitate the creation of bridges between different sectors of the community especially to those who could benefit from this community infrastructure?

Response

*The Chair advised that the development of an indoor sports stadium has been a key strategic direction of this Council since 2018. Council is investigating numerous sites to ensure that we can address the current and future needs of the community.*

*Other recreation and leisure options are being constantly developed and facilities enhanced with collaborations explored with partners like the Department of Education, however all face a similar issue around land supply, particularly in our small and densely boxed community.*

Miles Gilbert – *these questions were taken on notice at the meeting due to the time of their submission*

1. Council may not be aware that, as the spokesperson for Friends of Mclvor Reserve, which is the community group seeking to protect Mclvor Reserve from inappropriate Council development, my questions are on behalf of many residents. With this in mind. What are the criteria that Councillors must consider, when deciding on whether to endorse the release of a draft Master Plan?
2. Irrespective of the soon to be released draft masterplan for Mclvor Reserve, will the Council consider a final masterplan for Mclvor that does not contain and indoor sports stadium?
3. If the Mclvor Reserve Indoor Stadium Plan goes ahead, how will Council measure and report on the risk to nearby residents that will suffer damages due to the unnatural increase in associated traffic and congestion on narrow local neighbourhood streets?

Response

*The Director Infrastructure Services advises that officers will make a recommendation to Council based on organisational stated strategic objectives, data on needs and demands, and overall community feedback. Councillors considering the recommendations will be an individual weighted view on the host of competing needs.*

*In response to the second question, the Director Infrastructure Services notes that the intent of the second stage engagement is to determine sentiment and need behind the recommendations. All items within the draft plan will be reviewed and considered prior to final adoption.*

*In response to the third question, the Director Infrastructure Services advises that, Council as part of its continuing role within road and traffic management will monitor and respond where necessary.*

*Public Question Time was declared closed at 7.49pm.*

## **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Cr Anthony Tran moved, seconded Cr Michael Clarke

That Council adjourn the meeting for a three minute break.

**CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 7.50pm and then resumed at 7.53pm.

## **6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The purpose of this report was to present for confirmation the minutes of the Council Meetings held:

- 6.00pm 8 November 2022; and
- 6.30pm 8 November 2022.

### **Council Resolution**

*That Council confirms the minutes of the Council Meetings held:*

- 6.00pm 8 November 2022; and
- 6.30pm 8 November 2022.

Moved: Cr Anthony Tran  
Seconded: Cr Michael Clarke

**CARRIED**

## **7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

### **7.1. Noting of Confirmed Minutes of Delegated Committees**

The purpose of this report was to present for noting the confirmed minutes of the Council's Delegated Committees established under section 63 and 64 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

#### **Council Resolution**

*That Council notes the confirmed minutes of the Enterprise Maribyrnong Delegated Committee Meeting, held on 2 August 2022.*

Moved: Cr Michael Clarke  
Seconded: Cr Simon Crawford

**CARRIED**

## **8. PETITIONS**

### **8.1. Petition: A Safer Intersection for Maribyrnong Commuters**

The purpose of this report was to table a petition received in relation to 'A Safer Intersection for Maribyrnong Commuters'.

#### **Council Resolution**

*That Council:*

- 1. Receives and notes the Petition: A Safer Intersection for Maribyrnong Commuters.*
- 2. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to consider the petition and determine the appropriate response.*

Moved: Cr Anthony Tran  
Seconded: Cr Michael Clarke

**CARRIED**

## **8.2. Petition: Introduce a Cat Curfew in Maribyrnong**

The purpose of this report was to table a petition received in relation to a request to consider introducing a curfew on cats within Maribyrnong City Council.

### **Council Resolution**

*That Council:*

1. *Receives and notes the Petition: Introduce a Cat Curfew in Maribyrnong.*
2. *Requests the Chief Executive Officer to consider the petition and determine the appropriate response.*

Moved: Cr Michael Clarke  
Seconded: Cr Anthony Tran

**CARRIED**

## **9. OFFICER REPORTS**

### **9.1. Mclvor Reserve Draft Master Plan**

The purpose of this report was to seek Council endorsement to advertise the Draft Mclvor Reserve Master Plan for community feedback.

### **Council Resolution**

*That Council:*

1. *Note the significant community interest in the Mclvor Reserve Master Plan.*
2. *Approve the release of the draft Mclvor Reserve Master Plan for community comment that includes the provision of an indoor sports centre with up to six courts located at the northern end of the reserve.*
3. *Requests a further report on the final Mclvor Reserve Master Plan in March 2023.*

Moved: Cr Anthony Tran  
Seconded: Cr Michael Clarke

**CARRIED**

## **9.2. Bike Sports Infrastructure and Development Plan - Draft for Public Comment**

The purpose of this report was to present the draft Bike Sports Infrastructure and Development Plan and seek approval to release the document for public comment.

### **Council Resolution**

*That Council:*

- 1. Endorse the draft Bike Sports Infrastructure and Development Plan, Summary Report and Issues and Options Report for community consultation; and*
- 2. Receive a further report following the community consultation.*

Moved: Cr Anthony Tran  
Seconded: Cr Michael Clarke

**CARRIED**

## **9.3. Maribyrnong Outdoor Trading Policy**

The purpose of this report was to update Council on the Maribyrnong Outdoor Dining Program, including the key issues and outcomes of the business and community engagement and seek endorsement of the Outdoor Trading Policy.

### **Council Resolution**

*That Council:*

- 1. Adopt the Outdoor Trading Policy, shown at Attachment 1; and*
- 2. Resolve that all fees associated with outdoor dining, including parklets and footpath trading will be waived until 30 June 2023.*

Moved: Cr Michael Clarke  
Seconded: Cr Anthony Tran

**CARRIED**



#### **9.4. Food Inequality Action Plan 2022-2024**

The purpose of this report was to present to Council for consideration the Food Inequality Action Plan 2022-24.

##### **Council Resolution**

*That Council endorse the Food Inequality Action Plan 2022-2024, shown at Attachment 1.*

Moved: Cr Simon Crawford  
Seconded: Cr Anthony Tran

**CARRIED**

#### **9.5. Draft Disability Action Plan 2022-2026**

The purpose of this report was to present the draft Disability Action Plan 2022-2026 (DAP) to Council for endorsement to proceed to public consultation.

##### **Council Resolution**

*That Council:*

- 1. Note the progress to date on the development of the draft Disability Action Plan 2022-2026.*
- 2. Endorse the draft Disability Action Plan 2022-2026 for public consultation.*
- 3. Receives a further report, summarising feedback received during public consultation, and present a final draft Disability Action Plan 2022-2026 for consideration.*

Moved: Cr Anthony Tran  
Seconded: Cr Simon Crawford

**CARRIED**

## **9.6. Community Grants Program - Recommendations 2022-2023**

The purpose of this report was to present to Council the 2022-2023 Community Grants funding recommendations.

### **Council Resolution**

*That Council*

- 1. Notes the outcome of the Community Grants 2022 process;*
  - 2. Endorse the Community Grants 2022 funding recommendations as detailed in Attachment 2; and*
  - 3. Request the Chief Executive Officer or delegate to advise all grant applicants of the outcome.*
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Moved: Cr Michael Clarke  
Seconded: Cr Simon Crawford

**CARRIED**

## **9.7. Lease Renewal of 12 Early Years Sites**

The purpose of this report was to inform Council of the outcome of the public notice pursuant to section 115 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (Act) as outlined in the Council Report of 13 September 2022. The report noted that a further report was to be made to Council to ensure all legislative requirements are met and to seek Council's approval to enter into Lease Agreements for the 12 early years sites with the existing Early Years Management providers or Committees of Management.

### **Council Resolution**

*That Council:*

- 1. Notes that no submissions were received in response to the public notice published pursuant to section 115 of the Local Government Act 2020; and*
- 2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a Lease Agreement with the Early Years Management providers or Committees of Management operating out of the 12 Early Years sites for the key terms, as shown in Table 1 of this report.*

Moved: Cr Michael Clarke  
Seconded: Cr Anthony Tran

**CARRIED**

#### **9.8. Quarterly Performance and Financial Report - Period ending 30 September 2022**

The purpose of this report was to present the Performance and Financial Report for the period ending 30 September 2022.

##### **Council Resolution**

*That Council notes the Performance and Financial Report for the period ending 30 September 2022.*

Moved: Cr Anthony Tran  
Seconded: Cr Simon Crawford

**CARRIED**

#### **9.9. 2023 Council and Delegated Committee Meeting Schedule**

The purpose of this report was to report outlines the proposed Council, Delegated Committee, and Councillor Strategic Briefing meeting schedule for the 2023 calendar year.

##### **Council Resolution**

*That Council adopt the 2023 Council and Delegated Committee Schedule, as shown in Attachment 1 to this report.*

Moved: Cr Simon Crawford  
Seconded: Cr Anthony Tran

**CARRIED**

#### **9.10. Councillor Committee and Advisory Group Appointments - 2022/23**

The purpose of this report was to report considers Councillor appointments to various Committees and Advisory Groups for the 2022/23 period.

##### **Council Resolution**

*That Council resolve to defer 'Item 9.10 – Councillor Committee and Advisory Group Appointments 2022 – 2023 to the 6 December 2022 Council Meeting, with existing 2022 Councillor appointments to remain in place until new Councillor appointments are resolved*

Moved: Cr Simon Crawford  
Seconded: Cr Michael Clarke

**CARRIED**

### **9.11. Municipal Association of Victoria - Regional Groupings Review**

The purpose of this report was to report considers Council's submission to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Regional Groupings Review.

#### **Council Resolution**

*That Council resolve to advise the Municipal Association of Victoria that its preference is Metropolitan Grouping - Option 1 (Metropolitan West Grouping).*

Moved: Cr Michael Clarke  
Seconded: Cr Simon Crawford

**CARRIED**

### **9.12. Councillor Support and Expenses Quarter 3 - July 2022 to September 2022**

The purpose of this report was to present the Councillor Support and Expenses for the period July 2022 to September 2022.

#### **Council Resolution**

*That Council notes the Councillor Support and Expenses Report for the period July 2022 to September 2022, to be made available via Council's website for the term of the current Council.*

Moved: Cr Simon Crawford  
Seconded: Cr Anthony Tran

**CARRIED**

### **9.13. Audit & Risk Committee Annual Performance Report for Year Ending 30 June 2022**

The purpose of this report was to note the Audit and Risk Committee Annual Performance Report for the year ending 30 June 2022.

#### **Council Resolution**

*That Council notes the Audit and Risk Committee Annual Performance Report for the year ending 30 June 2022.*

Moved: Cr Anthony Tran  
Seconded: Cr Michael Clarke

**CARRIED**

#### **9.14. Governance Report - October 2022**

The purpose of this report was to note the record of informal meetings of Councillors and Councillor delegates' for October 2022, as well as other statutory compliance and governance matters.

#### **Council Resolution**

*That Council notes the Governance Report containing the record of informal meetings of Councillors and Councillor Delegates' Reports for October 2022, to be made available on Council's website for the term of the current Council.*

Moved: Cr Michael Clarke  
Seconded: Cr Simon Crawford

**CARRIED**

#### **10. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil.

#### **11. COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME**

Nil.

#### **12. URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil.

#### **13. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Nil.

#### **14. MEETING CLOSURE**

The Chair, Cr Sarah Carter, declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm.



To be confirmed at the Council Meeting  
to be held on 6 December, 2022.

Chair, Cr Sarah Carter