



**Maribyrnong City Council**

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday 21 March, 2023  
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 Ordinary Council Meeting  
to be held on 18 April, 2023**

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

The meeting commenced at 6.37pm.

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 Jorge Jorquera (online)  
Councillor Cuc Lam  
Councillor Bernadette Thomas (online)  
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 Governance, Christopher Southavong

## **2. APOLOGIES**

Cr Simon Crawford

## **3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

Nil.

## 5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Public Question Time commenced at 6.40pm and Council received 48 questions.

### **Kim Eastmure**

1. How many other sites were investigated as potential sites for the Basketball Stadium besides Mclvor Reserve? Why were they subsequently dismissed? Who made these decisions?
2. How do you think the building of a Basketball Stadium at Mclvor Reserve is going to impact on our already congested roads in Yarraville? The development of the old Bradmill site is already causing congestion, without anyone moving in! There is very little Public Transport options for users to Mclvor Reserve.
3. Parking at Mclvor Reserve is barely adequate now. Will the Bowls Club have access to a car parking area nearby the club? Bowls are heavy and trolley bags are not well designed, I cannot imagine how some of our older bowlers are going to manage if they have to park out in the streets surrounding Mclvor Reserve. This will be a real issue with Cricket families, basketball families, dog park users, park users and bowlers all competing for the same parking with looks in adequate at best!

### **Response**

*The Director Infrastructure Services answered the first question by advising that the indoor sports strategy considered 11 sites for the potential development of an indoor stadium. Council officers undertook due diligence on these sites with only two remaining feasible being Mclvor Reserve and Robert Barret Reserve in the North of the municipality (located next to the Aquatic Centre).*

*The Director Infrastructure Services answered the second question by advising that any potential net change in traffic on Fogarty Avenue, Hawkhurst Street, Benbow Street and Wembley Avenue is anticipated to be absorbed without significant adverse operational and safety implications.*

*Increased activity in Mclvor Reserve, new residents moving into the Bradmill Site and the construction of Mclvor Rd presents an opportunity to advocate to Public Transport Victoria for improved public transport services in this area in addition to the existing bus services.*

*The Director Infrastructure Services answered the third question by noting the Bowling Club members will have direct access to the site.*

### **Alison Peake**

1. Council has provided a draft master plan for the development of Mclvor Reserve which includes access to the proposed sports stadium via Hawhurst St. This is a narrow residential street which commonly has cars parked both sides making car access very difficult. How will Council solve the issue for access to the park? Will they create this with one side as No Standing for vehicles? And have they considered how this will impact residents of the street?
2. Given there is to be a large residential development adjacent to Mclvor Reserve which will bring in a large number of residents and cars looking to park close to home, how does Council intend to manage the parking issues this will create when there are only 280 car parks intended for the new stadium? This will clearly be insufficient when there are 6 basketball courts including a show court for 1000 spectators.
3. Given Council intend to remove the existing Yarraville Footscray Bowling Club clubrooms and are offering only a shared facility with the proposed sports stadium, how do Council intend the bowling club conduct their business and offer the current facility they do for local residents? Why has it been considered necessary to bulldoze the bowling club which is a popular local recreational facility?

### **Response**

*The Director Infrastructure Services answered the first question by advising that the entrance to the indoor sports facility is on the western side of the proposed building. There is no direct pedestrian access proposed from the eastern (Hawkhurst Street) side to mitigate the use of the Hawkhurst Street carpark by centre users, and to also deter any on-street car parking east of the reserve. All additional car parking to cater for indoor sports centre patrons is being provided along the western boundary of the reserve. Access to the new car park will be possible from the new Mclvor Road but not from Hawkhurst Street.*

*The Director Infrastructure Services answered the second question by advising that as outlined in the Council report, Council Officers have undertaken a qualitative first-principles assessment of parking and traffic impacts associated with the proposed Master Plan. This assessment suggests that the overall car parking supply within the reserve is likely to be more than adequate to serve the peak parking needs of the new indoor sports facility and open sports fields, and any increased traffic in surrounding streets is likely to be absorbed without any major operational and safety implications.*

*A large proportion of traffic generated by the indoor sports facility, open sports fields and soccer field would access the reserve via the new Mclvor Road and its intersection with Francis Street, which is to be signalised as part of the Bradmill development. It is anticipated that proposed development will not impact Hawkhurst Street existing traffic loads.*

*The Mayor answered the third question by noting the draft plan is to be considered by Council at its Special Council Meeting on the 29 March 2023 does not integrate the Bowls facilities into the proposed stadium, and the draft plan is available on Council's website.*

### **Trent La Franchi**

1. Planning Panel report included a recommendation that referred to the removal of Napoleon St and Wellington St from the permanent heritage overlay. In the event that these streets were removed from the heritage overlay, would Council implement a lesser control such as a 'Neighbourhood Character Overlay' on these streets to preserve the look and feel?

### **Response**

*The Director Planning & Environment Services answered the question by advising that Council has not yet made a decision regarding Planning Scheme Amendment C172. Council may agree or disagree with the recommendations of the Independent Planning Panel, with the final decision regarding the amendment resting with the Minister for Planning.*

*If Council agrees with the recommendations of the Panel and resolves to remove Napoleon Street and Wellington Street from the Heritage Overlay, there are no plans to apply any other Overlay to these streets.*

*Council will soon undertake a review of its Housing Strategy, which will review existing neighbourhood character strategies and housing policy to ensure it is fit for purpose. The Housing Strategy will be subject to community consultation.*

### **Edward Merrifield**

1. Are Maribyrnong City Councillors going to vote as per City of Yarra in favour of Bin Tax for our City of Maribyrnong this year or next year due with Council Elections in 2024?
2. West Footscray just had the Colours of Festival and still we have the West Footscray Village in need of cleaning of street and shop front windows & roads and footpaths due to dust of colours! How often do our contractor's clean streets and footpaths in West Footscray any time table on which days are scheduled?
3. Does Maribyrnong City Council have plans to install real time speeding cameras in Barkly St West Footscray in the Stony Creek Ward? Funding is available via State Government Victoria and what year in the future do we expect the roll out? We have a lot of motorists doing illegal U-turns which is not monitored and is ongoing!

## **Response**

*The Mayor answered the first question by advising that Maribyrnong City Council has a separate Waste Charge it has introduced as part of the change of the Rating System and was effective from 1 July 2019, moving to from the Net Annual Value (NAV) to capital improved value (CIV) systems, in short Council will not be voting on a bin tax as there is an existing waste charge.*

*The Mayor answered the second question by advising that the dust being referred to is coloured chalk. Council is aware of the issue and has scheduled pressure washing and cleaning.*

*Further, Council's business districts in Footscray, West Footscray, Yarraville and Seddon are cleaned both day and night 7 days per week with pressure washing conducted within the Mall and Byron Square's paved areas, and other areas as required. Council is aware of the chalk issue and has scheduled pressure washing and cleaning for Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March with a further clean the following week.*

*The Mayor answered the third question by advising that there are no immediate plans to install speed cameras at this location however Council will continue to liaise with State Government on road safety issues in this area.*

## **Joel Flanagan**

1. Regarding the section of the council office that has been demolished - when was that part of the council office construction completed or built?
2. What was the design life of the now demolished civic building at council offices?
3. How many internal meters square (m2) will the new civic building being constructed amount to?

## **Response**

*The Mayor answered the first question by advising the demolished section of the Civic building was constructed between 1981 - 1983 and around 1986 for the community services building.*

*The Mayor answered the second question by advising the design life of the now demolished building would generally be 40-50 years. The building was assessed as no longer fit for purpose requiring significant modification to attain compliance with current day standards.*

*The Mayor answered the third question by advising that the Civic Precinct and Community Hub, New Building will be measure approximately 2,500sqm and increase open space throughout the municipality.*

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

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

Moved Cr Clarke

Seconded Cr Tran

**CARRIED**

Public Question Time was extended at 6:55pm

### **Mark Baulch**

1. Is there a reason why people counters were put in the dog park at Mclvor Reserve when poo bag holders were a bigger priority?
2. Will a toilet block be built at Mclvor Reserve before next cricket season as the players presently urinate on trees?
3. The lack of lighting at Mclvor Reserve is a health and safety concern, will this be addressed in the immediate future before someone gets potentially assaulted or injured?

### **Response**

*The Director Infrastructure Services answered the first question by advising that as part of the Smart Cities Strategy, data devices are being rolled out to numerous locations to support data driven decision making. The information collected assists Council with management and maintenance of its assets.*

*The Director Infrastructure Services answered the second question by advising all infrastructure upgrades are subject to masterplan endorsement and council's annual budget process.*

*The Director Infrastructure Services answered the third question by noting All infrastructure upgrades are subject to masterplan endorsement and council's annual budget process. However, public lighting in parks is considered within Councils City Design Standards. There are no immediate plans to increase public lighting at Mclvor Reserve.*

### **Emma Redford**

1. The stadium strategy indicated that a huge number of car parks were required to support a 6-court stadium. The draft masterplan provided fewer parks than what was said to be required. The final masterplan has removed another 90+ carparks with the plan to push that burden onto Gent Street. You justify all of this with a supposed "qualitative first-principles assessment of parking and traffic" without giving a source or one iota of data about this study. Do you really think this is good enough? Is it really a masterplan? Can you not see the tremendous negative impact this traffic will have on the local residents, because we most certainly can?

2. Last week, the ABC used a screenshot of some of the "post it notes" created during the second round of feedback and Council then removed them from McIvor's Your City Your Voice page. There were many comments about pollution and urban heat that the Councillors need to read to understand the strong community reaction to the plan. And there are several pending investigations by the ombudsmen, making this information even more relevant. Why was this removed? Will you return that feedback to the site tomorrow? How have these underlying environmental concerns been fully addressed by the 1-page "masterplan"?
3. A Councillor went on and on at the last meeting about the impact barking dogs would have on neighbours and yet you have put a dog park right behind two blocks of neighbours. And you are building a massive stadium right across the street from Hawkhurst and Francis? Can you even imagine the level of noise with 6 courts, filled with basketballs, whistles, squeaking sneakers, sirens and screaming fans? Is that really an appropriate thing to build in a residential neighbourhood just a few metres from homes?

### **Response**

*The Director Infrastructure Services noted that this question has been answered previously and to reiterate Council has sought professional advice regarding the impacts of the proposed stadium that indicated that the proposed additional parking to service the stadium is likely to be more than adequate to service the indoor sports centre and open sport fields. Council does rely on external expert advice on this matter.*

*The Director Infrastructure Services answered the second question by advising all comments submitted via the virtual post-it boards during phase 2 are still available on Your City Your Voice and can be accessed via the Parking and traffic, Sport upgrades, Open Space and Amenities sub-pages.*

*Any proposed development would be guided by Councils Environmental Sustainable Design Policy and the issues of pollution mitigation and heat island reduction are addressed in a number of council strategies such as the Urban Forest Strategy.*

*The Mayor noted in regards to the third question that indoor stadiums are common within recreational reserves.*

*The Director Infrastructure Services answered the third question by advising that any proposed facility would be designed with appropriate noise mitigation technology. The draft master plan has been amended to show a linear bushland improved open space where dogs are permitted off lead but this would not be enclosed.*



### **Tracie McGrath**

1. Thank you to the Councillors who attended Sunday's meet and greet at McIvor reserve. One of the questions asked of Mayor Carter was (again) is why can't we re-develop one of the brown sites in Maribyrnong shire. She explained a brown site would have to be decontaminated which adds additional (and I assume, unacceptable) cost to the project. Have these costs been fully explored and could the Council share the additional costs of re-developing some of the short listed brown sites?
2. Another citizen asked Mayor Carter, what the likely impact of the CFMEU green ban on the stadium build. Mayor Carter explained there are other avenues the council can take. I can't recall the Mayors exact wording but the implication was there there were legal remedies which could be sort. How is it that decontamination of a brown site is too much expense but lawyers are an acceptable cost?
3. Is the Maribyrnong City council really think it is a good idea to get into a legal argument with the CFMEU? Especially given that council is based in the western suburbs, the traditional heartland of the union movement.

### **Response**

*The Mayor noted in regards to the first question that brown sites can be complex and cost is one of many factors when considering suitability. Other considerations include zoning, contamination, remediation, economic impact of industrial sites and creation of local employment, and importantly, suitable and appropriate location for our residents to safely and easily access a community facility.*

*The Mayor advised in response to the second and third question that the CFMEU's decision does not impact on Council's consideration of the matter and is an industrial matter and would be addressed during supply and build.*

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

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

Moved Cr Tran

Seconded Cr Lam

**CARRIED**

Public Question Time was extended at 7.10pm

### **Brendan Keane**

1. Have any of the Councillors looked at the Community Plan that was presented at Sunday's meeting in the park? If so, what do you think about it? If not, is that something you will commit to looking at before next week's vote, and if the current masterplan is rejected, is the community plan something that can be used as sort of a blueprint for what we actually want at McIvor? How do we make that happen?

2. If our elected representatives vote no to the current Mclvor Masterplan, can Council hire a specialised landscape /green space parkland designer (as opposed to a sports facility/infrastructure designer) to develop a plan for the unstructured spaces at Mclvor so the urban forest and gardens clearly wanted by the community will be included in the Masterplan that will take Mclvor into the future for this city?
3. How much has Council spent, to date, developing a masterplan with a stadium for Mclvor, including the cost of community engagement? Can an itemisation of those spends be put up on the Your City Your Voice page for Mclvor?

### **Response**

*The Mayor noted in regards to the first question that this is an item that will be considered next Wednesday, with a number of factors and funding considerations to be considered. However there is a focus on optimising open space.*

*The Chief Executive Officer noted the second question, similar to the first question are pre-empting a future decision of the Council, with the draft Mclvor Reserve Master Plan scheduled for the 29 March Special Council Meeting, and is therefore unable to be responded to at this stage.*

*In response to the third question, Council has spent \$118,512 on the development of the Mclvor Reserve Master Plan including \$6920 on materials to support the community engagement process.*

### **Estelle Lepetit**

1. Given a Councillors comments at our last meeting about the huge burden a group of dogs would pose to resident neighbours, why have you presented a final masterplan with a dog park directly behind residences? Was all of the feedback on this point and even a Councillors commentary about the menace barking dogs would create just ignored by the Council staff who prepared the masterplan, as was all of the feedback on construction of the stadium at Mclvor?
2. Is there any reason, if the current masterplan is rejected, that Council can't plant all of the new trees discussed in the masterplan, while keeping all of the trees you saw at the park when you were there on Sunday?
3. What did the Council think of the Councillor/Community Catch-Up organised by Friends of Mclvor Reserve? Might something similar be organised by Council in the future, when significant issues like this are raised? Does it seem fair that it must fall on residents to organise effective engagement like then when Council has a staff of engagement personnel that the residents are actually paying to handle this sort of thing?

### **Response**

*The Chief Executive Officer noted in response to the first question that this question has been asked and answered*

*The Chief Executive Officer advised in response to the second question that this is pre-empting a future decision of the Council, with the draft Mclvor Reserve Master Plan scheduled for the 29 March Special Council Meeting, and is therefore unable to be responded to at this stage.*

*The Chief Executive Officer noted the third question and advised the report does advise of the comprehensive engagement process that has been followed. The Mayor noted in response to the third question that Councillors cannot answer questions that should appropriately be addressed at the Special Council Meeting on 29 March 2023.*

### **Peter Eastmure**

1. How many pieces of feedback did you receive that was opposed to building a stadium at Mclvor? How many thumbs up or down did you receive that indicated opposition to building a stadium at Mclvor? How many people at Sunday's community meeting were opposed to building a stadium at Mclvor? It seems that Council is driven to build a professional level sporting arena in a small community despite clear community sentiment to the contrary.
2. Has there been any funding promised or asked for from private individuals to fund the proposed basketball stadium?

### **Response**

*The Chief Executive Officer responded to the first question by advising the engagement process was not designed to collate this specific information but rather show a trend in various areas.*

*The Mayor, in response to the first question also advised that the stadium is proposed to cater to local community groups and not professional athletes, and is designed to be a six court stadium not an elite professional stadium.*

*The Chief Executive Officer responded to the second question by advising that as outlined in the 29 March 2023 Council report and accompanying officer recommendation, if approved by Council, Council will be requesting the Chief Executive Officer to advocate for State and Federal Government funding to support the implementation of the Mclvor Reserve Master Plan.*

### **Amanda Heron**

1. I live in Maidstone and don't believe Mclvor is a proper site for an indoor stadium. That area is actually quite close to Altona where a huge facility has been built on a tip. Basketball is a regional sport and kids and adults from that area can easily travel to Altona for practice and games. The real need is in the Maidstone/West Footscray/Braybrook/Maribyrnong/Tottenham area where at-risk kids live and play. We have been hearing about the Mitchell Site as an option for the basketball stadium. Could you please expand on that for everyone, let us know where that is located and what Council currently thinks about that site?
2. There have previously been discussions about a Victrack site. How much money is Victrack asking for Council to buy the site for a stadium?
3. Your community engagement summary that accompanied the masterplan provides no detail about what percentage of the feedback was in favour of the stadium at Mclvor and what percentage was opposed to the stadium being built on parkland. The community and councillors who will be voting deserve to have that data. What percentage of the feedback was in support and what percentage was not in support in the final round of feedback?

### **Response**

*The Chief Executive Officer responded to the first question by advising that the proposed stadium is designed to cater for a number of different sporting activities, and as previously advised, Council has taken a variety of sites into consideration and determined that Mclvor Reserve is the most appropriate site for the proposed indoor facility.*

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

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

Moved Cr Clarke

Seconded Cr Lam

**CARRIED**

Public Question Time was extended at 7.24pm

*The Chief Executive Officer responded to the second question by advising that a Vic Track site was identified however, Vic Track advised that this land was not available for purchase.*

*The Chief Executive Officer responded to the third question by noting that information has been provided in the report in the areas that could determine areas in support and not in support, data collected was in regards to the overall plan and the engagement process was not designed to collate this specific information.*

### **Mina Mazzeo**

1. Are you aware that 2/3 of the coaches, referees and playing members from the Westgate Basketball Association are actually from outside our municipality and that WBA have openly discussed the fact that they need a home venue for their Representative Teams (Westgate Imperials) for their training, games and tournaments and that they will utilize the stadium predominantly for that elite purpose over younger children playing domestic community games, as they'd continue to use the facilities at Rec West, Vic Uni, Whitten Oval, and the many local schools. How could it be a multi-sport stadium if it's purely being built for one code of sport.
2. Why did your community engagement team seek feedback from people both inside and outside of the municipality throughout the Mclvor Reserve Masterplanning process, but then discount the importance of the Friends of Mclvor Reserve Petition because Council believed that only 933 of the 3102 signatories could only be identified as being residents of the City of Maribyrnong? Why does that matter? We were told throughout this project that it was a regional facility that warranted regional feedback. Why are you holding this community Petition to a different standard than your own engagement team?
3. When are the next Council elections to take place and will the city continue to be divided into the same voting ward with the same distribution of Councillors?

### **Response**

*The Chief Executive Officer noted in response to the first question that this question has been asked and answered, however the proposed indoor facility would accommodate a range of sports and community uses, including but not limited to basketball, netball, futsal, badminton, volleyball, table tennis and other non-sporting activities*

*The Chief Executive Officer noted in response to the second question that Council is committed to providing transparency around it's engagement process and outcomes.*

*The Director Corporate Services responded to the third question by advising that the next Council election is scheduled for October 2024. The Victorian Electoral Commission will be undertaking an electoral representation review in October 2023 reviewing Maribyrnong's electoral structure, with the new electoral structure to be in place for October 2024.*

### **Nell Wilson**

1. Can the council please explain where all of the required funding will be sourced particularly the additional funding, now that the CFMEU will be blocking any of their members working on the construction?

2. Can the Council please explain the full extent to which other brown sites were researched and considered and a share details of all impact assessments & comparison reports that were prepared when compared to Mclvor? Are the available for public record?

### **Response**

*The Chief Executive Officer responded to the first question by advising as outlined in the 29 March 2023 Council report and accompanying officer recommendation, if approved, Council will be requesting the Chief Executive Officer to advocate for State and Federal Government funding to support the implementation of the Mclvor Reserve Master Plan.*

*The Mayor noted in response to the second question that the first part of this question has been asked and answered, 11 brown sites were considered. The Director Infrastructure Services also advised that as previously advised no appropriate sites were available.*

*The Chief Executive Officer noted that there is a project report available in regards to the impact assessment and comparison reports.*

*This is available on Council's portal under the Mclvor Reserve, Your City, Your Voice page.*

### **Shari Liby**

1. Why hasn't Council calculated and disclosed the percentage of Mclvor's unstructured recreational space the stadium and western boundary car park would take up if the plan was approved? Friends of Mclvor Reserve estimated that about 50% of the usable unstructured recreational space at the park. Would you agree that is a significant factor to consider?
2. Why was the question time format changed so the CEO reads the questions submitted and then the Councillors, Council Staff or the CEO reads a prepared response, and what is the process that needs to be undertaken by the community or by the Councillors, if a change to the Question Time format is desired so residents have the option of reading their own questions to the Councillors? Will any of the Councillors action that, as I would hope the positive response on Sunday would remind Councillors of the importance to the community of being able to actually speak directly to elected representatives without having to go through the CEO filter.
3. If the masterplan with a stadium is rejected by Councillors at next week's meeting, what will be the next steps for the Mclvor Reserve Masterplanning process?

### **Response**

*In response to the first question, as outlined in the 29 March 2023 Council report and accompanying officer recommendation, if approved, Council will be requesting the Chief Executive Officer to advocate for State and Federal Government funding to support the implementation of the Mclvor Reserve Master Plan.*

*The Director Corporate Services answered the second question by advising that the format for public question time has not changed the rules state that the Chair, or their nominated person, may read to those in attendance at the meeting a question which has been submitted in accordance with the Governance Rules. Changes to the Governance Rules are not due until the next Council, however Council may bring forward reviews.*

*The Mayor also noted that there has been a change due to COVID where previously community members were able to attend Council Meetings and ask questions and there are ongoing discussions about this practice undergoing consideration by Council.*

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

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

Moved Cr Tran

Seconded Cr Clarke

**CARRIED**

Public Question Time was extended at 7.38pm

In response to the third question, this question is pre-empting a future decision of the Council, with the draft Mclvor Reserve Master Plan scheduled for the 29 March Special Council Meeting, and is therefore unable to be responded to at this stage.

### **Frank Wyatt**

1. Please advise why Council is considering using Open Space for the MultiCourt development in contravention of its own Open Space policy which recommends more open space especially in areas of population growth (I.e. the development along side of the park.

### **Response**

*In response to this question, Council decision-making is guided by a number of individual but inter-connected strategies. The Mclvor Reserve Master Plan seeks to balance the need for more indoor courts within Maribyrnong with the benefits of public open space.*

### **Miles Gilbert**

1. The Friends of Mclvor Reserve Councillor Catch-Up on Sunday was a great success with hundreds of residents including bowling club members, cricketers, dog owners, basketball and netball-playing families, and public from outside our city turning out to defend parkland at Mclvor Reserve. It is clear that the Friends of Mclvor Reserve has significant support from the community and a genuine interest in ensuring the upgrades at Mclvor Reserve deliver for the community. Will Council consider consulting with FOMR to deliver a plan for Mclvor more in line with the Community Plan?
2. There are over 30,000 members of the CFMEU in Victoria, many of whom live in Maribyrnong City. On Sunday it was suggested that the first million dollars of the Indoor Stadium budget would be spent on lawyers to fight a green ban. Could MCC please explain whether that is a cost that would be funded by rate payers?
3. Is MCC interested in discussing the Friends Of Mclvor Reserve Community Plan for Mclvor Reserve?

### **Response**

*The Mayor noted in response to the first question, Council has undertaken extensive community consultation in accordance with its Community Engagement Framework to develop the Mclvor Reserve Master Plan, Council is responsible for master-planning in the municipality.*

*The Mayor noted in response to the second question that this statement is incorrect.*

*The Mayor answered the third question by noting that as previously advised Council has undertaken extensive community consultation in accordance with its Community Engagement Framework to develop the Mclvor Reserve Master Plan. That process has been undertaken with input from the Friends of Mclvor Reserve Master Plan.*

### **Scott Lyon**

1. I live in Footscray and do not believe Mclvor Reserve is a suitable location for an indoor stadium. Building on parkland is daft and the disadvantaged kids who actually need community level sport facilities will not find it easy to get there. Why hasn't Council scrapped that idea and started working to identify a suitable industrial site in the right post code and then wrap that cost into the already unfunded price tag that you will then work with state and federal government to fund?
2. Why is a 1000 seat mega stadium needed for kids' sport? Does kids basketball really draw that big of a crowd? Or are the kids just being propped up when this stadium is really all about elite level sport for adults?



3. When I am drafting a petition that I want to later submit to Council, it looks like I need to make sure it is directed to Council and that it requests that Council take some particular action that is within Council's power to do. Is that correct? Are there any other rules I need to know about? Is there a particular format that I need to use?

**Response**

*The Mayor noted that the first question has been asked and answered.*

*The Mayor noted that the second question has been asked and answered. The Director Infrastructure Services also advised that a 1000 seats caters for a local/regional catchment not a state/elite level standard, the modern design without taking up more seating allows to cater for capacity, the design of the seating is intended to be flexible.*

*The Director Corporate Services answered the third question by advising that Clause 54 of Council's Governance Rules prescribes the requirements for a valid submission.*

*In summary, a petition must be received 7 days prior to Council meeting for inclusion in the agenda, must include a minimum of 10 signatories and include the name, address or email address of each petitioner, and include written text of the specific petition request for Council's consideration.*

That Chair, Cr Sarah Carter, declared Public Question Time closed at 7.45pm.

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

**6. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Council Meeting - 21 February 2023**

The purpose of this report was to present for confirmation, the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21 February 2023.

**Council Resolution**

*That Council confirms the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21 February 2023.*

Moved: Cr Cuc Lam  
Seconded: Cr Anthony Tran

**CARRIED**

**6. Noting of Confirmed Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee - 15 November 2022**

The purpose of this report was to present for noting the confirmed minutes of the Council's Audit and Risk Committee, established under section 53 of the Local Government Act 2020.

**Council Resolution**

*That Council notes the confirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting, 15 November 2022.*

Moved: Cr Michael Clarke  
Seconded: Cr Bernadette Thomas

**CARRIED**

**7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

Nil

**8. PETITIONS**

Nil

**9. OFFICER REPORTS**

**9.1. Annual Community Survey 2022**

The purpose of this report was to provide an update on the findings from the Maribyrnong City Council 2022 Annual Community Survey.

**Council Resolution**

*That Council note the key findings of the Maribyrnong City Council 2022 Annual Community Survey.*

Moved: Cr Cuc Lam  
Seconded: Cr Anthony Tran

**CARRIED**

## **9.2. 2023 National General Association of Local Government - Call for Motions**

The purpose of this report was to present motions for Council to consider submitting to Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) 2023 National General Assembly (NGA) being held in June 2023.

### **Council Resolution**

*That Council approves the motions for submission to the 2023 Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly, as shown in Table 1 of this report.*

Moved: Cr Michael Clarke  
Seconded: Cr Bernadette Thomas

**CARRIED**

### **9.3. Municipal Association of Victoria State Council - Call for Motions**

The purpose of this report was to present motions to Council to consider for submission to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council Meeting being held in May 2023.

#### **Council Resolution**

*That Council approves the motions for submission to the May 2023 Municipal Association of Victoria's State Council Meeting, as shown in Table 1 of this report.*

Moved: Cr Michael Clarke  
Seconded: Cr Cuc Lam

**CARRIED**

### **9.4. Heritage Victoria Nomination William Cooper House - 73 Southampton Street, Footscray - Council Submission**

The purpose of this report was to seek endorsement of a submission to Heritage Council of Victoria on William Cooper's former residence (73 Southampton Street, Footscray) nomination to the Victorian Heritage Register.

#### **Council Resolution**

*That Council:*

- 1. Notes the nomination of Heritage Victoria that William Cooper's former residence of 73 Southampton Street, Footscray be included on the Victorian Heritage Register as a place of State-level cultural heritage significance (Attachment 1).*
- 2. Endorse the submission to Heritage Council of Victoria in support of the site's nomination to the Victorian Heritage Register, and suggests a minor change for greater detail to be provided on the physical features that should be conserved in order to interpret the important associations of the place in the Heritage Victoria's recommendation (Attachment 2).*

Moved: Cr Anthony Tran  
Seconded: Cr Bernadette Thomas

**CARRIED**

### **9.5. Review of Council Delegations - March 2023**

The purpose of this report was to allow Council to consider the adoption of an updated s6 Instrument of Delegation.

#### **Council Resolution**

*That Council resolves:*

1. *To approve its updated s6 Instrument of Delegation, shown at Attachment 1;*
2. *That the Instrument comes into force upon the Common Seal of Council being affixed to the document; and*
3. *That upon the Instrument coming into force, the previous s6 Instrument of Delegation authorised by Council on 17 May 2022 is revoked.*

Moved: Cr Michael Clarke

Seconded: Cr Anthony Tran

**CARRIED**

### **9.6. Governance Report - February 2023**

The purpose of this report was to report considers the Councillors and Councillor Delegates Report for February 2023.

#### **Council Resolution**

*That Council notes the record of informal meetings of Councillors and Councillor Delegates' Reports for February 2023, which will be made available on Council's website for the term of the current Council.*

Moved: Cr Anthony Tran

Seconded: Cr Cuc Lam

**CARRIED**

## **10. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

## **11. COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME**

Councillor Question Time commenced at 8.15pm.

Cr Anthony Tran

Next week there is to be a Special Council Meeting in regards to Mclvor Reserve, when and where will this Special Council meeting be held?

Response

*The Special Council Meeting will be held next Wednesday, 29 March 2023, commencing 6.30pm at the Braybrook Community Hub.*

Councillor Question Time closed at 8.16pm.

## **12. URGENT BUSINESS**

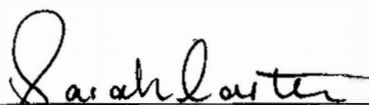
Nil.

## **13. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Nil

## **14. MEETING CLOSURE**

The Chair, Cr Sarah Carter, declared the meeting closed at 8.17pm.



To be confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting  
to be held on 18 April, 2023.

Chair, Cr Sarah Carter