



Maribyrnong City Council

HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS MEETING

**Monday 27 May, 2024
6.30pm**

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

MEMBERSHIP

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

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Agenda Item 4.1**HEARING OF SUBMITTERS - PROPOSED 2024/2025 BUDGET AND THE SUBSEQUENT THREE YEARS**

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PURPOSE

To provide the opportunity for submissions to be heard in relation to the Proposed 2024/2025 Annual Budget and the subsequent three years.

ISSUES SUMMARY

- Council must prepare and adopt a budget for each financial year and the subsequent 3 financial years by 30 June each year.
- At the Council Meeting on 23 April 2024, Council resolved to publicly display the Proposed 2024/2025 Annual Budget and the Subsequent Three Years and invite public comment and submissions.
- Feedback was received up until 15 May 2024.
- In total, one hundred and seventeen (117) submissions have been received. Sixteen (16) submissions were received during Phase 1 and one hundred and one (101) submissions were received during Phase 2.
- Eleven (11) submitters have requested to be heard in support of their submissions.
- Having regard for all feedback received throughout each stage of the engagement process, Council will consider adopting the Proposed 2024/2025 Annual Budget and the Subsequent Three Years at the Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 18 June 2024, at 6.30pm.

ATTACHMENTS

1. List of Submitters to be Heard 2024 [↓](#) 

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **Thanks submitters for their submissions to the Proposed 2024/2025 Annual Budget;**
2. **Notes the comments provided by submitters in support of their written submissions; and**
3. **Notes the Proposed 2024/2025 Annual Budget will be presented to the Council Meeting on 18 June 2024 for consideration for adoption.**

Agenda Item 4.1**BACKGROUND**

The proposed budget has been prepared in accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Act 2020. The proposed budget gives effect to the Council Plan and is guided by Council's Financial Plan which considers the current financial situation and future projections to support delivery of projects, initiatives and programs important to the community over the next ten years.

At the Council Meeting on 23 April 2024, Council resolved to publicly display the Proposed 2024/2025 Annual Budget and the Subsequent Three Years and invite submissions.

A total of one hundred and seventeen (117) submissions have been received.

- Sixteen (16) submissions were received during Phase 1 in November 2023 and all have been reviewed by Council.
- One hundred and one (101) submissions were received during Phase 2 throughout April and May 2024.

Eleven (11) of the one hundred and seventeen (117) submitters have requested to be heard in support of their submissions

DISCUSSION/KEY ISSUES**1. Key Issues****Submission Period**

Council is no longer required to implement a formal section 223 submission process in relation to its proposed budget. Under the *Local Government Act (2020)* the process is governed by Council's Engagement Policy, which was adopted in February 2021.

Promotion advising of the release of the document, and inviting feedback was published as part of phase 2 of the engagement from 23 April 2024 to 15 May 2024 to enable the community to provide feedback.

One hundred and seventeen submissions were received over the two engagement processes. Eleven of the one hundred and seventeen submitters have requested to be heard in support of their submissions.

Sequence of Hearing of Submissions

Submissions will be heard in the order in which submissions were received refer to Attachment 1.

Agenda Item 4.1**2. Council Policy/Legislation****Council Plan 2021-2025**

This report contributes to Council's strategic objectives contained in the Council Plan 2021-2025 by considering:

- Strategic Objectives
 - Council will proactively lead our changing City using strategic foresight, innovation, transparent decision making and well-planned and effective collaboration and community engagement to support community and economic growth during the ongoing challenges of the pandemic and beyond.

Legislation

Local Government Act 2020

Conflicts of Interest

No officer responsible for, or contributing to, this report has declared a direct or indirect interest in relation to this report.

Human Rights Consideration

This report complies with the rights listed in the Victorian *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

3. Engagement

Engagement on the Proposed Budget has been undertaken in two phases, Phase 1 in November 2023 and Phase 2 throughout April and May 2024,

Engagement included an open invitation for community to provide feedback via mail, email and online in November 2023, prior to the framing of the Proposed Budget and again in April 2024 following release of the Proposed Budget.

The following methods were used to communicate the opportunities across both phases and invite feedback:

- Media release distributed to local media
- E-newsletter distributed to Maribyrnong News subscribers
- EDM to Your City Your Voice subscribers
- Website information
- News item on website
- Proposed Budget and Companion Document
- Newspaper advertising
- Your City Your Voice platform/information
- Social media
- Community Newsletters, City News, and Maribyrnong Matters publication

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The opportunity for submitters to present to Council at this Hearing of Submissions represents the final stage of engagement on the Annual Budget.

Having regard for all feedback received throughout the engagement process, Council will consider adopting the Proposed 2024/2025 Annual Budget at the Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 18 June, 2024, at 6.30pm.

4. Resources

Resource requirements are in accordance with existing budgetary allocation

5. Environment

There are no environmental impacts associated with this report.

CONCLUSION

Engagement on the Proposed Budget has been undertaken in two phases, Phase 1 in November 2023 and Phase 2 throughout April and May 2024, using a variety of methods to seek feedback.

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Having regard for all feedback received throughout each stage of the engagement process, Council will consider adopting the Proposed 2024/2025 Annual Budget at the Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 18 June, 2024, at 6.30pm.

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List of Submitters 2024 To Be Heard

Council Ref No.	Submitters	To Be Heard (Yes/No)	Submission Topic
Nov# 11	Anne Truong	Yes	Cycling infrastructure
Nov# 14	Rocio Rutter	Yes	Integrate sustainability & community liveability across all other council services
Nov# 15 & Apr # 38	Chris Wheelhouse	Yes	Seal and Light Greenwood Lane
Nov# 16	Robert Asquith	Yes	Public safety & Cycle Infrastructure
Apr# 45	Greg Randall	Yes	Mclvor Reserve
Apr# 48	Zac Lewis Western Chances Scholarship Program	Yes	Renew the grant to fund Western Chances Scholarship Program
Apr# 53	Megan Roussel Maribyrnong Swifts Football Club	Yes	Johnson Reserve
Apr# 68	Shari Liby	Yes	Mclvor Reserve
Apr# 80	Con Giatas Yarraville Glory FC (Soccer Club)	Yes	Mclvor Reserve Surface Improvement Plan
Apr# 85	Duy Quang Nguyen President of the VCA-Vic	Yes	2025 Tet Festival in Footscray Park
Apr# 92	Miles Parnall-Gilbert Friends of Mclvor Reserve	Yes	Stop spending money on Mclvor Indoor Stadium