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Maribyrnong City Council

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday 20 August, 2024
6.30pm**

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

MEMBERSHIP

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

To be confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting
to be held on 10 September, 2024

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1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING AND WELCOME

The meeting commenced at 6.34pm.

The Chair, Cr Cuc Lam 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 Cuc Lam (Chair)
Councillor Michael Clarke
Councillor Simon Crawford
Councillor Jorge Jorquera (Online)
Councillor Bernadette Thomas
Councillor Anthony Tran

IN ATTENDANCE

Chief Executive Officer, Celia Haddock
Director Infrastructure Services, Patrick Jess
Director Corporate Services, Lisa King
Director Planning and Environment, Mike McIntosh
Acting Director Community Services, Belinda Stewart
Acting Manager Governance and Commercial Services, George Ioannou
Manager City Futures, Francesca O'Brien
Coordinator Governance, Christopher Southavong
Governance Officer, Jessica Abela

2. APOLOGIES

Nil.

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

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5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Public Question Time commenced at 6.33pm and 25 question was received.

Council received three questions relating to Hopkins Street Footscray and as per Governance Rule 52.9 these three questions have been grouped with a single response provided.

Samantha Meredith asked the following question:

1. A significant number of people use the bus on Hopkins Street at the Joseph Road precinct and surrounding apartments, with many disembarking or waiting at the unprotected bus stop on the narrow section of Hopkins Street adjacent to St Monica's Primary School, where heavy vehicles frequently pass. The bus stop adjacent to St Monica's Primary School is poorly located in relation to safe crossings and lacks appropriate shelter. Does Council have any plans to improve access and safety for bus users which can see up to 30 people disembark the bus onto the narrow footpath and away from safe crossings?

Rhett Warren asked the following question:

1. At many points the footpath along the southern side of Hopkins St adjacent to St Monica's Primary School barely meets the Austroads absolute minimum suggested width of 1 metre or its general minimum of 1.2 metres. The stretch has no points at which wheelchair users may pass each other and the concrete surface is cracked and uneven. How will the council bring the path to a standard that allows wheelchair users to use the path safely?

Anne Warren asked the following question:

1. With Council's plans for a signalised intersection at Hopkins Street and Hallenstein Street, will council approach the redesign holistically, embracing the opportunity to consider all user requirements for the area, including pedestrians and cyclists?

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Response:

The Director Infrastructure Services acknowledged the individual issues identified in these three questions generally relate to Hopkins Street, Footscray. The Department of Transport and Planning is responsible for the management of this road including posted speed limits and public transport facilities.

Officers have successfully worked more recently with DTP to get posted speed limits reduced on Whitehall St and Hopkins St in this area, from 60km/h to 40km/h and provided improved cycle lane and road safety improvements at the Joseph Road/Hopkins Street intersection.

Council continue to advocate for further safety improvements along Hopkins Street including intersection upgrades at Hallenstein Street, pathway upgrades along the road and the location of bus stops and shelters. The design of the infrastructure improvements will include consideration of an area/corridor based solution and the needs of all road users. Note that implementation of upgrades will be dependent on future state and Council budgets.

Greg Randall asked the following questions:

1. Has Council submitted or prepared any funding applications to the Commonwealth Government under the Thriving Suburbs Program, the Urban Precincts and Partnerships Program (Streams 1 and 2) or the Housing Support Program - Community Enabling Infrastructure Stream and if so for what projects, and if not why not?

Response:

The Director Planning and Environment Services advised that Council is preparing an application to the Thriving Suburbs program for submission by Monday 26 August. Council is seeking funding to support Creative West a development in Paisley Street on the site of the current Footscray Library. Creative West will deliver a large scale performance venue, a library, learning and innovation hub, and open space for community gatherings.

Council also plans on making an application for funding for Creative West to the Urban Precincts and Partnerships Program.

Separately, Council has also made an application to the Housing Support Program (Planning Capability) to support the development of its Housing Strategy 2025.

2. Does Council have any plans, tentative or firm, to commence construction related development of the proposed Indoor Court complex in Mclvor Reserve prior to July 2025?

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Response:

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that future construction of the Mclvor Reserve Indoor Stadium is subject to Council budget approval processes and the commitment of external funding partners. Council is in the process of developing advocacy collateral to support the projects delivery in the coming years.

3. Are there any other components, of the Mclvor Reserve Masterplan plan proposed to commence prior to July 2025?

Response:

The Director Infrastructure Services advised as part of the 24/25 FY budget allocations Council is committed to progressing design for the civil and landscaping components of the master plan including roads, pathways and parking, tree planting, sportfields and the dog park. Also noted there is no funding for construction however there is funding for design of those works.

Additionally, through a funding agreement with the West Gate Neighbourhood Fund, Council will be delivering new female friendly change rooms to the Mclvor Soccer facilities to provide equitable and modern change facilities. Recently completed projects at the site include new fencing and safety barrier fencing at the Mclvor Soccer and Hockey Facilities, upgrades to the irrigation system at the baseball diamond and site wide environmental soil sampling were also completed.

The Mclvor Reserve Master Plan Action Item List acknowledges upgrades and improvements required to community and sporting infrastructure and public safety across the site. These upgrades are subject to future budget bid allocations.

Fletcher Bubb asked the following questions:

1. Since completion of the \$78 million redevelopment of Whitten Oval, the Western Bulldogs Football Club has instituted a policy of closing the oval to community access between the hours of 7:00pm and 7:00am daily, except on game days and during maintenance.

Can Council confirm if the Club holds any legal rights that would entitle it to exclusive use of the oval during these hours and permit the exclusion of the public from the oval on a daily basis?

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Response:

The Director Planning and Environment Services advised Planning Permit TP322/2020 was issued in January 2021 permitting the redevelopment of Whitten Oval, including the major sports and recreation facility. Condition 17 of the permit requires access to Whitten Oval and Spurling Reserve to remain open to the public at all times except for approved match days. The Western Bulldogs have confirmed that, except for match days, the oval is open to the public from 7am daily and closes at 6pm, or at 8pm during daylight savings. Council officers have advised the Western Bulldogs that this arrangement does not comply with their obligations under the planning permit and are working towards full compliance.

The Oval sits on Crown Land with the Western Bulldogs Football Club being the Lessee for the land under the Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 with oversight from the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA). Questions regarding the legal access rights should be directed to DEECA.

EXTENSION OF PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Public question time extended at 6.48pm.

A motion was moved by Cr Bernadette Thomas, seconded by Cr Michael Clarke, That Council extend Public Question Time for a further 15 minutes.

CARRIED

2. Given the imminent relocation of Footscray Hospital, it is pertinent for residents to understand the historical revenue generated from the Council-owned carpark at the current hospital site and to consider the highest and best future use of this prime location.

Could the Council please provide details on the approximate net profit generated from the carpark at Footscray Hospital for the financial year ending 2024?

Response:

The Director Planning and Environment Services advised approximately \$196,000 was the net profit generated from the carpark at Footscray hospital for the financial year ending 2024.

3. In line with previous years, does the Council intend to purchase carbon offsets from projects located in India and China for the financial year ending 2024?

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Response:

The Director Planning and Environment Services advised that specific projects or VCU locations for offsetting Council's 2023-24 emissions are yet to be confirmed, however Council undertakes an assessment of options including consideration of value for money for Council and local social benefits in project locations. Council's current approach allows the use of any savings to further reduce its underlying emissions through local energy efficiency, electrification and renewable energy initiatives.

Mark Baulch asked the following questions:

1. What steps has the Council taken to apply for the Victorian State Governments upgraded dog parks program for the Mclvor Reserve dog park and will an application be made?

Response:

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that Council officers are currently reviewing the 12 off lead Parks within Maribyrnong along with new requests and determining which location would provide the closest alignment to the grants key selection criteria. It is anticipated that this process will be complete within the coming weeks to enable preliminary designs and project cost to be established for a grant submission.

2. What specific upgrades has the Council identified as necessary for the Mclvor Reserve dog park and when will they be addressed?

Response:

The Director Infrastructure Services advised the Mclvor Reserve dog park was identified for upgrade during the Master planning process. The next step in the development of a new or upgraded dog park, would involve conceptual and schematic design which would include further community consultation and engagement. Construction of a new dog park will be subject to future Council budget consideration.

3. What feedback has the Council sought from local dog owners regarding the current state of the Mclvor Reserve dog park?

Response:

The Director Infrastructure Services advised Council has the comments captured with the Mclvor Reserve Masterplan Process and will use this as the foundation for future design development processes.

Sharon Schwab asked the following questions:

1. Please discuss how many households in the Wattle Ward currently own dogs, and how that impacts the need for bigger and better facilities at the Mclvor Reserve Dog Park, particularly in light of the medium and high density Bradmill development that is currently being built next door.

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Response:

The Director Infrastructure Services advised Maribyrnong has 6644 dog registrations. Officers were unable to obtain specific numbers for Wattle Ward for tonight's meeting.

There is no benchmark or applicable industry standard that relates to the need for fenced dog parks per population. Maribyrnong has 12 designated off lead zones with the majority of those unfenced.

2. Movement sensors were placed at Mclvor Reserve's fenced dog park some time ago but the community has never heard the results of the data collected. Please discuss the data collected at Mclvor Reserve regarding its dog park usage and when that data will be made publicly available on Your City Your Voice or elsewhere.

Response:

The Director Infrastructure Services advised Council has delivered and been involved in a range of Smart City related projects involving movement sensors. Generally speaking, the projects listed here fit the basic Smart City criteria of Using technology, data and innovation to inform infrastructure planning make the City a better place.

Council will provide the data collected at Mclvor Reserve through its webpage.

3. Soil testing was recently performed at Mclvor Reserve, but it was never clear why that was being undertaken, and the data has not been disclosed to the community. Please disclose the testing's purpose, results and when the data will be made publicly available on Your City Your Voice or elsewhere.

Response:

The Director Infrastructure Services advised as part of proper due diligence, Maribyrnong's industrial past necessitates that as part of any site development the soils are tested for contamination to ensure that projects can proceed with a level of cost surety and that public safety is maintained when soils are disturbed through construction. This is a standard process in any recreation reserve development.

The purpose of the testing was to provide Council with site specific information to assist with project readiness and implementation of the Master Plan if and when funding is available.

Ken Betts submitted one public question.

The Chair, Cr Cuc Lam noted that one of the questions is in the form of a statement. Whilst Council's Governance Rules allows for the provision of public questions, it does not provide for statements to be made. The Chair thanked Mr Betts for the statement, however advised that the statement will not be read out at the meeting.

Estelle Lepetit asked the following questions:

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1. Please tell us about the deadline and other requirements for making an application to Victoria's Upgraded Dog Parks Program and whether an application be made by Council for dog park improvements at Mclvor Reserve?

Response:

The Director Infrastructure Services advised applications close on 14 October and Council will be making a submission. We have 12 sites to consider and are only able to apply for one. New sites are only available. If residents wish to find out more about funding requirements, all information is listed at www.environment.vic.gov.au/dogparks

2. What is your immediate plan for fixing the current agility equipment in the Mclvor Reserve Dog Park that is rotting and has fallen apart?

Response:

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that he will have a staff member inspect the agility equipment this week.

3. Can Council increase pedestrian lighting at Mclvor Reserve to ensure safety during early mornings and evenings for park users?

Response:

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that this is beyond a maintenance request and will require planning, design and be subject to funding approval. He confirmed this has been taken on notice and will be considered for future budgets.

EXTENSION OF PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Public question time extended at 7.03pm.

A motion was moved by Cr Anthony Tran, seconded by Cr Michael Clarke, That Council extend Public Question Time for a further 15 minutes.

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Miles Parnall-Gilbert asked the following questions:

1. What can Friends of Mclvor Reserve and the dog loving community do to help MCC secure funding for dog park upgrades?

Response:

The Director Infrastructure Services noted the offer although confirmed this is a Council application. If applicable Council will seek letters of support from particular groups however confirmed again Council is deciding which grant we will apply for.

2. Will the ability to personally ask questions directly to your Councillors be restored when Council returns to the new building?

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Response:

The Chief Executive Officer confirmed the public may ask councillors questions at any time and can find their email and mobile phone numbers listed on our website. The Chief Executive Officer noted that the new Council will review a number of arrangements around Council meetings which would be when Council consider any changes to the format.

3. Has the Council completed the traffic modelling study for Mclvor Reserve examining the impact of locating the basketball stadium facility at Mclvor Reserve?

Response:

The Director Infrastructure Services advised as part of the masterplan process Council completed the study and confirmed the surrounding networks with the addition of the added use would be within its capacity.

Shari Liby asked the following questions:

1. When will the Council consider hosting planting days at Mclvor Reserve with Friends of Mclvor Reserve, as they do at other parks with other Friends of groups across the city?

Response:

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that he is more than happy to meet with the Friends of Mclvor Reserve and discuss planning opportunities in line with the masterplan.

2. What community consultation process will the Council follow before finalising the upgrade plans for Mclvor Reserve Dog Park?

Response:

The Director Infrastructure Services advised Council would need to engage with community on any further concept designs for the park.

3. What provisions are being made to ensure the Mclvor Reserve Dog Park remains accessible during the current works? Some of our frequent users, like Lorraine who Council has met previously, can no longer attend because it is no longer assessable due to the Bradmill's use of our park.

Response:

The Director Infrastructure Services advised the best place to currently access the park is via the rear of the bowling club building where the carpark is located.

The Chair, Cr Cuc Lam, declared Public Question Time closed at 7.07pm.

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6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

6.1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Council Meeting - 23 July 2024

To present for confirmation, the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23 July 2024.

Council Resolution

That Council confirms the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23 July 2024.

Moved: Cr Simon Crawford
Seconded: Cr Michael Clarke

CARRIED

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Nil

8. PETITIONS

8.1. Petition: Installation of Speedbump near Little VIP Childcare Centre located at 36 Burns Street Maidstone

To table a petition: Installation of Speed Bump near Little VIP Childcare Centre located at 36 Burns Street, Maidstone.

Council Resolution

That Council:

- 1. Receives and notes the Petition: Installation of Speedbump near Little VIP Childcare Centre located at 36 Burns Street Maidstone.*
- 2. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to consider the petition and determine the appropriate response.*

Moved: Cr Michael Clarke
Seconded: Cr Anthony Tran

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9. OFFICER REPORTS

9.1. Proposed Lease Agreement - Yarraville Footscray Bowling Club Inc.

To seek Council approval to enter into a Lease Agreement with Yarraville Footscray Bowling Club Inc. for the premises at 339A Francis Street, Yarraville (Proposal) following the completion of the public notice period and hearing of submissions.

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Council Resolution

That Council:

1. *Notes all submissions received relating to the proposed lease between Maribyrnong City Council and Yarraville Footscray Bowling Club Inc, as shown in Attachment 3.*
2. *Having considered all submissions pursuant to section 115 of the Local Government Act 2020, authorises the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a Lease Agreement for the key terms are as set out below:*
 - a. *Tenant: Yarraville Footscray Bowls Club Inc.*
 - b. *Premises: 339A Francis Street, Yarraville, as shown in Attachment 2.*

Key Lease Terms during the Initial Term:

- c. *Term: 8 years*
- d. *Permitted Use: Lawn bowls, restaurant, café & gaming facility*
- e. *Rental: \$68,104 per annum plus GST*
- f. *Rental Increases: 3% increase per annum*
- g. *Rent Reimbursement: In the event that the Tenant carries out capital works which provide a direct community benefit to support lawn bowls activities, the Tenant will be eligible to apply for a rent reimbursement equal to 10% of the capital expenditure capped at 50% of the total annual rental cost*
- h. *The requirement for the Club to develop and provide to Council for approval on or before the 2nd anniversary of the Commencement Date, a transition plan to remove gambling from the premises by 2032, and adhere to the transition plan during the term.*

Key Lease Terms during the Further Term, which exclude gaming from the Premises:

- i. *Further Term: 5 years*
- j. *Permitted Use: Lawn bowls, restaurant & café*
- k. *Rental: Community subsidised rental, to be determined based on criteria within Council's Lease and Licence Policy*
- l. *Rental Increases: 3% increase per annum*

or such other or alternate terms as determined to be reasonably necessary by Council's Chief Executive Officer to conclude negotiations with the Tenant on the lease.

Moved: Cr Bernadette Thomas
Seconded: Cr Michael Clarke

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9.2. Shorten & Barrett Reserve (inc RecWest) Masterplan

Council Resolution

That Council:

1. *Endorse the updated Master Plan 2024 for Shorten & Barrett Reserves, shown at Attachment 3;*
2. *Refer the Shorten & Barrett Reserves Master Plan for future budget consideration; and*
3. *Request the Chief Executive Officer to conduct a community and stakeholder briefing on the endorsed changes.*

Moved: Cr Anthony Tran
Seconded: Cr Bernadette Thomas

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Cr Crawford left the meeting at 07:27 pm.

9.3. Place Based Initiatives (Annual) Grants Program 2024/25 – Funding Recommendations

To seek Council endorsement of the 2024/25 Place-based Initiatives (Annual) Funding Recommendations.

Cr Crawford returned to the meeting at 07:29 pm.

Council Resolution

That Council endorse the Place-Based Initiatives (Annual) Grants Program 2024/25 funding recommendations, as shown at Attachment 2.

Moved: Cr Bernadette Thomas
Seconded: Cr Michael Clarke

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9.4. Awarding of Contract No 1263-24 Supply and Installation of In-Ground Parking Sensors

To seek Council approval to award Contract No 1263-24 Supply and Installation of In-ground Parking Sensors to Vehicle Monitoring Systems Pty Ltd.

Council Resolution

That Council:

- 1. Awards Contract No 1263-24 Supply and Installation of In-ground Parking Sensors to Vehicle Monitoring Systems Pty Ltd to the value of \$2,840,409.00 inc GST;*
- 2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute Contract No 1263-24 Supply and Installation of In-ground Parking Sensors to Vehicle Monitoring Systems Pty Ltd;*
- 3. Notes the contract amount of \$2,840,409.00 over five years exceeds the current allocated budget of \$2,100,000.00; and*
- 4. Note that the budget shortfall of \$740,409.00 will be allocated proportionately to future budgets 2025/26, 2026/27, 2027/28 and 2028/29.*

Moved: Cr Michael Clarke
Seconded: Cr Simon Crawford

CARRIED

9.5. Councillor Support and Expenses Report April 2024 to June 2024

To present the Councillor Support and Expenses for the April 2024 to June 2024 period.

Cr Clarke left the meeting at 07:39 pm.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the Councillor Support and Expenses Report for the April 2024 to June 2024 period, to be made available via Council's website for the term of the Council.

Moved: Cr Bernadette Thomas
Seconded: Cr Simon Crawford

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9.6. Governance Report - July 2024

The purpose of the Governance Report is to note the record of informal meetings of Councillors and Councillor delegates' for July 2024, as well as other statutory compliance and governance matters as they arise.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the July 2024 Governance Report containing the record of informal meetings of Councillors and Councillor Delegates' Reports, to be made available on Council's website for the term of the Council.

Moved: Cr Bernadette Thomas
Seconded: Cr Simon Crawford

CARRIED

Cr Clarke returned to the meeting at 07:40 pm.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

10.1. Notice Of Motion: 2024/10 Tibetan Community Australia

The date of 10th of March carries profound significance for Tibetans, resonating across generations as a symbol of courage, resilience, and hope.

The day recognises the impact on Tibetan Peoples refugee experience and on-going fight for recognition and freedom. Uprising Day is an inspiration that fuels the Tibetan Freedom movement. It stands as a testament to the indomitable spirit of the Tibetan people.

As a new home to many in the Tibetan community, Maribyrnong now offers a sense of belonging and hope to generations who have overcome incredible odds, escaping persecution and hardship.

Raising the Tibetan flag on this significant day in Maribyrnong would be a powerful gesture of solidarity. It sends a message of inclusiveness and support for multiculturalism, highlighting the values that make our community rich and diverse.

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Council Resolution

That Council:

1. *Notes the request from the Tibetan Community Australia Vic Inc and the Australia Tibet Council to support efforts to recognise the on-going plight of the Tibetan People;*
2. *Notes that the Tibetan community is an important part of the multi-cultural fabric of the Maribyrnong Municipality; and*
3. *Resolves to allow the Tibetan community to fly the Tibetan flag, each year on March 10 in support of Uprising Day as a symbol of courage, resilience, and hope.*

Moved: Cr Simon Crawford
Seconded: Cr Anthony Tran

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11. COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

Nil.

12. URGENT BUSINESS

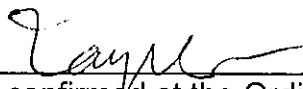
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13. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

14. MEETING CLOSURE

The Chair, Cr Cuc Lam, declared the meeting closed at 7.54pm.



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Chair, Cr Cuc Lam



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1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING AND WELCOME

The meeting commenced at 6:32pm.

The Chair, Cr Cuc Lam 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 Cuc Lam (Chair)
Councillor Sarah Carter
Councillor Michael Clarke
Councillor Simon Crawford
Councillor Jorge Jorquera
Councillor Anthony Tran (*from 6.40pm onwards*)
Councillor Bernadette Thomas (*online – left meeting at 8.32pm*)

IN ATTENDANCE

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Lucas Gosling
Director Infrastructure Services, Patrick Jess
Director Corporate Services, Lisa King
Acting Director Community Services, Melissa Eastwood
Acting Director Planning and Environment, Fran O'Brien
Manager Governance and Commercial Services, Phil McQue
Coordinator Governance, Christopher Southavong
Governance Officer, Michelle McCulloch

2. APOLOGIES

Nil.

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Public Question Time commenced at 6:34pm and 35 questions were received.

Abu Zaid asked the following questions:

1. I am writing to bring to your attention an issue I have observed as a regular driver on Ballarat Road. The Liberty Petrol station located at 199 Ballarat Rd, Maidstone, often causes traffic congestion on Ballarat Road due to vehicles queuing to enter the petrol station. I spoke with the supervisor at Liberty and inquired why customers are not permitted to use the Whittaker Street entrance. He informed me that the council has not granted permission for this entrance to be used. I am requesting that the council reconsider this decision and allow access to the petrol pump from Whittaker Street. This change would significantly improve safety and traffic flow on Ballarat Road, especially during peak hours. I urge the council to visit the site and assess the situation to make a decision that benefits the safety and convenience of our community. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Response:

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that access to and from Ballarat Road is under the management of the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) and the decision to allow access on Ballarat Road and to restrict access to the petrol station from Whittaker Street was made through the planning process which was previously endorsed by DTP.

Following the issues you have raised, Council officers will investigate and discuss with the DTP possible remedial actions if appropriate.

Blair Mather asked the following questions:

1. Condition 17 of permit TP322/2020 (Whitten Oval Redevelopment) stipulates that access to Whitten Oval and Spurling Reserve must remain open to the public at all times except for approved match days. It is noted, however, that access to Whitten Oval is provided intermittently and is restricted more than 50% of the time. For example on Sunday 23/06 access was fully restricted. Access is also restricted daily between 18:00 and 07:00.

Could you please confirm that the above condition is still valid and what actions Council is taking to ensure that the condition is upheld?

Response:

The Acting Director Planning and Environment Services advised that Planning Permit TP322/2020 was issued in January 2021 permitting the redevelopment of Whitten Oval, including the major sports and recreation facility. The redevelopment is almost complete with access to Spurling Reserve now open and unfenced along Barkly Street.

Regarding condition 17, the Western Bulldogs have confirmed that, except for match days, the oval is open to the public from 7.00am daily and closes at 6.00pm, or at 8.00pm during daylight saving. Council officers have advised the Western Bulldogs that this arrangement does not comply with their obligations under the planning permit and are working towards full compliance.

Corey Phillips asked the following questions:

1. Recently, no standing zones were placed in the area of Dickson St, which has resulted in quite a number of residents parking in Queensville St (one street further). This has unfortunately congested an already congested area, and has led to residents letting their frustrations out on each other. Community members have had their car "keyed" and smeared mud over their car because they're unable to park anywhere else. Can the no standing zone placed on Dickson Street be removed?

Response:

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that earlier this year, an investigation of traffic and parking arrangements at this location was undertaken following requests from local residents to improve traffic safety outcomes within the street.

A recommended solution was developed and notification of the proposed parking changes was shared with residents during March 2024. 'No Standing' restrictions were recently installed following broad support from adjacent residents. Council thanks you for providing an update on parking issues in Queensville Street that may have been affected due to the safety improvements implemented in Dickson Street. Council officers would be pleased to meet you on-site to discuss this issue further to seek a solution.

Cr Tran joined the meeting at 6:40 pm.

2. If question one cannot be fulfilled, can parking lines be placed along Queensville Street to ensure ordered parking as some residents space their cars in a fashion that prevents others from parking.

Response:

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that line marking parking bays within local and residential streets is generally not implemented as it often results in reduced car park numbers. However, Officers will consider this as part of a potential solution.

3. 2P parking signs will most certainly exacerbate the current circumstances, so I ask that this option be omitted. However, is there other methods that have been applied in other areas that may resolve this issue? Thank you for your time and considering my questions.

Response:

The Director Infrastructure Services noted that Council officers would be pleased to discuss this issue further at an on-site meeting.

Jenny Harrison asked the following questions:

1. What was the process the Council took in deciding on Yarraville Gardens toilet block as the site for the City of Maribyrnong's first Changing Places Facility?

Response:

The Acting Director Planning and Environment Services advised the Maribyrnong Public Toilet Plan 2019-2029 sets out Council's priorities for new and upgraded public toilet facilities across the municipality. The Yarraville Gardens public toilet is identified in the Plan as being at the end of its life and requiring renewal.

Council was successful in obtaining a grant from the State Government of \$180,000 towards the cost of construction of a Changing Places facility, with Yarraville Gardens seen as an ideal location for the City's first Changing Places facility given its high utilisation and accessible location.

Cr Tran left the meeting at 06:43 pm.

2. What consultation was undertaken with the users of Changing Places Facilities?

Response:

The Acting Director Planning and Environment Services noted that Council's Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) received a presentation on the plans for the project in September 2023.

The DAC members were asked to provide feedback on the concept design and their feedback was incorporated into the final design. Council also directly engaged with specialist schools and disability service providers in the area who responded favourably to the project as part of the consultation process.

No concerns were raised with respect to the proposed location, however, some feedback did also emphasise the need for more facilities across Maribyrnong. Council agrees that our municipality requires more changing places facilities, with the one at Yarraville Gardens intended to be the first of several such facilities across the City.

Public consultation was undertaken in October/November 2023 as part of the Yarraville Gardens Precinct Master Plan. Three onsite drop-in sessions were held with Council officers in attendance to answer questions from the community. Feedback was also sought via Council's online feedback tool – Your City Your Voice. Again, no concerns were raised with respect to the proposed location of the Changing Places facility.

3. Are you willing to reconsider the decision and look at other locations for the Changing Places Facility?

Response:

The Acting Director Planning and Environment Services advised the construction contract has been awarded for the Yarraville Gardens project, with construction to commence shortly. Accordingly the location will not be reconsidered.

Lisel Thomas, on behalf of Maribyrnong Truck Action Group, asked the following questions:

1. Why has Council not taken the opportunity include in its submission to the update of the Victorian Freight Plan all freight related advocacy to State Government matters outlined in Council's own Air Quality Improvement Plan, including but not limited to advocacy for a truck ban on Williamstown Road, a call for regular air quality monitoring, and proposed changes to state planning legislation?

Response:

The Director Infrastructure Services advised Council continues to advocate separately to Government for initiatives identified in Council's Air Quality Improvement Plan.

This submission does not specifically identify individual roads, but promotes a more broader integrated approach to transport and land-use planning to best manage impacts on the general public and businesses. We will continue to work with Freight Victoria to get the best outcomes for Maribyrnong and Melbourne's West in the Government's Update to the Victorian Transport Plan.

Cr Tran returned to the meeting at 6:46 pm.

2. Is Council willing to include in its submission to the Victorian Freight Plan review a statement that Council does not support any increase in the number of High-Productivity Freight Vehicles (HPFVs) on residential streets like Williamstown Road and Moore Street, and a statement that the Plan should roll back previous access approvals to protect these residents from the harmful impacts of freight?

Response:

The Director Infrastructure Services advised Council's submission on the Update to the Victorian Freight Plan provides support for the banning of large freight trucks on six key roads when the West Gate Tunnel opens including use of enforcement cameras and freight industry education on road access arrangements. This will include truck bans, day and night, on Francis Street and Somerville Road in Yarraville, and Buckley Street and Moore Street in Footscray.

This is an initial engagement with Freight Victoria and we will continue to promote further improvements to the transport network as the Update to the Victorian Freight Plan proceeds and Council progresses development of a new Integrated Transport Strategy for the municipality.

EXTENSION OF PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Public Question Time extended at 6:48pm.

A motion was moved by Cr Michael Clarke, seconded by Cr Anthony Tran, That Council extend Public Question Time for a further 15 minutes.

CARRIED

3. Is Council able to provide any further insight into why Council's motion put to the Australian Local Government Association 2024 National General Assembly in relation to the provision of programs and initiatives addressing air pollution was not passed?

Response:

The Director Infrastructure Services noted the majority of the Member Council's did not support Maribyrnong Council's motion calling for action on air pollution as there was a view that a number of the actions and initiatives proposed are already implemented in various parts of Australia.

Clint Lingard asked the following questions:

1. The Lae Street (West Footscray) site showed the first signs of real works commencement in early July 2024. According to Council's last communication, the works were to commence in February 2024 and end before July 2024. Also the map and works description given earlier indicated substantially more improvement works than what appears in current map design information corflute signs hanging at the site. Can Council please confirm all the current works envisaged for the final site works, explain any differences (and reasons) between the original plans and current plans, and provide an explanation for the delays in work commencement/completion?

Response:

The Director Infrastructure Services noted that this project will be delivered in stages. Council has supported the delivery of works at the former Lae Street Nursery site with funding in last years budget and again in this year's budget.

The works have been guided by the Lae Street Nursery Concept Plan that was endorsed by Council at the December 2023 Council Meeting. The Stage 1 works include new turf, irrigation, a gathering circle, new paths and trees and will conclude in September 2024. The community was informed of the works via a letterbox drop and onsite signs that link to a project page on Council's website.

The turf works were delayed by a month due to weather, to enable better establishment. Officers are currently working through the Stage 2 scope of works and have engaged the Bunorong Land Corporation to support the development of the scope. The community will continue to be informed through the project page on Council's website. The Stage 2 scope of works are likely to commence in April 2025.

2. Cruickshank Park, the Stony Creek park area between Paramount Rd and Roberts Street, and Footscray Cemetery are lovely treed areas with some native shrubs and grasses, but there seems to be limited deliberately planted flowered areas. What plans does Council have in the future to beautify these spaces for greater resident amenity?

Could Council plant more native flowering bushes, shrubs, and native grasses in these specific spaces and perhaps planter boxes of the same in other shop strips and village mall sites?

Response:

The Director Infrastructure Services advised Council's annual program includes planting thousands of plants in the open spaces alongside the Maribyrnong River and Stony Creek.

Council coordinated a planting day in Cruickshank Park last weekend and with national tree day this week end we hope to plant over 4000 trees, many of which are understory plantings. The trees, shrubs, grasses and ground covers selected for planting are native and/or preferably indigenous plants to promote biodiversity and withstand both long dry periods and depending on the location, inundation when these waterways flood as Stony Creek often does.

3. In the current economic climate, and considering residents with greater transport access needs and mobility needs, could Council consider operating a limited but free community bus service to allow residents to more easily get to significant Council sites like offices and chambers, libraries and sporting facilities (Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre), as well as shopping strips and village mall centres, and other transport hubs?

Response:

The Acting Director Community Services advised Council currently provides a Community Transport Service to assist older people and people with disability to remain actively connected with their local communities.

The service aims to assist eligible residents to continue with their usual activities, such as attending social groups, shopping or medical appointments enabling them to stay well, active, and socially connected.

The service is designed to support independence and access to a range of community activities including short trips to shopping centres, community centres and social outings.

Residents currently receive weekly or fortnightly services within the Community Transport Service schedules. These transport arrangements are designed to align with programs, services and community facilities offered by Council.

This service is a fully funded Council program, and we welcome opportunities to improve and strengthen greater access for residents to significant Council sites in the community.

Fletcher Bubb asked the following questions:

1. Regarding the Maribyrnong Council Civic Precinct and Community Hub Redevelopment –
 - a) What is the current forecast total cost-to-complete this Project (including interest, holding and soft costs)? (Originally reported cost was \$39 million)
 - b) When will this project be fully delivered and opened? (Originally reported completion/opening date was in late 2024)

We would appreciate more information and timely updates on the project completion. It would appear that the council websites has not been updated since early 2023.

Response:

The Acting Chief Executive Officer advised the project budget is comprised of the following:

- *Construction Contract: \$39.8M*
- *Contingency: \$3.2M*
- *Permits/approvals/Consultants/Admin/ Loan Servicing: \$5.5M*

Representing a total budget of \$48.5M

The project remains on budget and is on target for completion in late 2024.

The website provides the community with progress reports and was last updated on 10 May 2024.

2. Regarding Macpherson Street North : Tree Planting

This project is now in its 20th month, still without an approved landscape plan. Council officers have previously provided targeted milestone dates that have now long past. Macpherson Street North currently has dead and dying trees, with decades worth of trees having been pulled out and paved over without replacement.

When will the Council approve the Macpherson Street North landscape plan for release to the public? When will works commence on the Tree Planting of Macpherson Street North?

We request hard target dates for project management and task actioning.

Response:

The Director Infrastructure Services advised Council will engage with residents of Macpherson Street on a proposed Landscape Plan in August. Providing residents support the plan, the works, including tree removal and tree planting, will commence in September.

Deborah Rouse asked the following questions:

1. In relation to the cat containment/ curfew survey, has the council team considered the findings and recommendations from the Banyule Council researched program on the benefits of free desexing programs?

Response:

The Acting Director Planning and Environment Services advised the current cat containment and curfew survey has recently closed and staff are reviewing the results from this important community engagement program. The Animal Management Team regularly consult with other councils around any insights that may drive improvements to our program at Maribyrnong and are aware of the program at Banyule City Council. We have recently applied for a grant with the Department of Agriculture to implement a subsidised or free cat desexing program. We are awaiting the outcome of this application.

Maribyrnong City Council values the role pets play in the community and our programs reflect caring and responsible management of roaming or stray cats. We seek to work with all stakeholders to ensure that the lessons from Banyule and other council areas where similar policies have been employed inform the program at Maribyrnong. We will continue to employ this approach where we seek to reunite lost cats with their owners and encourage responsible pet ownership and the rehoming of cats while protecting the safety of the community.

Cr Crawford left the meeting at 7:06 pm.

2. Under the Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP), will ongoing support for community cat rescuers who are saving & rehoming pets who have been abandoned (roaming) be established and how will the council ensure cat haters are not incited to deem roaming cats as illegal and therefore open to attack/harm/cruelty? Cat rescuers and the semi owned cats (colonies) deserve to be safe in the community.

Response:

The Acting Director Planning and Environment Services responded by recognising the opportunity to involve community cat rescue teams and foster providers to add a stronger dimension to our program. This is currently being explored and likely to be formalised in the next Domestic Animal Management Plan. This will further build on our already strong program operated through the Lost Dogs Home which supports and re-homes lost animals in the community, including cats.

As part of any changes made to cat curfew rules, there will be an education program to ensure the community are aware of changes to council laws and our Animal Management Officers will continue to work with the community to ensure a safe environment.

Harrison Nathan asked the following questions:

1. Can Council reconsider the cat curfew - which will kill more wildlife, not less, and instead implement a Community Cat Program? Cat curfews raise costs six-times more to all residents. Scientific evidence shows cat-curfews fail.

Response:

The Acting Director Planning and Environment Services responded as previously noted, the current cat containment and curfew survey has recently closed and staff are reviewing the results from this important community engagement program.

Investigating a cat curfew is an action identified in Council's Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021/25 to ensure that cats in our City remain healthy and safe.

Cr Crawford returned to the meeting at 7:08 pm.

2. What will Maribyrnong Council do to aid/fund feline rescuers? They spend many hours, including out in the early hours, and strive to raise funds, to save, home, and treat animals. Can Council start paying for necessary vet treatments, de-sexing, for the rising number of homeless kittens?

EXTENSION OF PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Public Question Time extended at 7:09pm.

A motion was moved by Cr Sarah Carter, seconded by Cr Michael Clarke, That Council extend Public Question Time for a further 15 minutes.

CARRIED

Response:

The Acting Director Planning and Environment Services responded that as previously noted, Council recognises the opportunity to involve community cat rescue teams and foster providers to add a stronger dimension to our program. This is currently being explored and likely to be formalised in the next Domestic Animal Management Plan. This will further build on our already strong program operated through the Lost Dogs Home which supports and re-homes lost animals in the community.

As part of any changes made to cat curfew rules, there will be an education program to ensure the community are aware of changes to council laws and our Animal Management Officers will continue to work with the community to ensure a safe environment.

2. What is Maribyrnong Council doing to prevent hate-speech and hate-crimes towards felines; as well as females? False names of "feral" and "crazy cat lady" are rising, along with threats of shooting, hunting, maiming, if seen on the street. What is Council doing for equality? Dogs can go shopping, drink in street cafes and pubs, run in parks, and frequent public places. Why are felines, and carers being prevented visibility, and respect? Domestic urban cats are not "feral". Don't the homeless deserve help, not harm and fear?

Response:

The Acting Director Planning and Environment Services advised that implementation of a number of inclusive community actions as part of the Council Plan 2021-25 has ensured that Council is delivering on the strategic outcomes that support wellbeing, healthy and safe living, connection to the community.

Pierre Vairo asked the following questions:

2. How much did Council pay Ratio consultants for the new ITS discussion paper? How much will the new ITS cost?

Response:

The Director Infrastructure Services advised the cost of the Maribyrnong Integrated Transport Strategy discussion paper was approximately \$40,000 and was within budget. We are yet to advertise for the full MITS document and therefore are unable to confirm a cost at this time.

Elena Pereyra asked the following questions:

1. How will the new ITS ensure councils myriad other strategic documents and action plans will be implemented in regard to facilitating a mode shift to active transport?

Response:

The Director Infrastructure Services advised the development of the new Maribyrnong Integrated Transport Strategy will include consideration of all current Council strategies and policies including the promotion of mode shift to active transport.

2. Despite no limitations within the existing ITS, how will the new ITS ensure active transport and green street projects proceed?

Response:

The Director Infrastructure Services advised it is anticipated that the new Maribyrnong Integrated Transport Strategy when endorsed will provide an adopted set of actions to support active transport and street improvement projects that will deliver on Council's policy objectives.

3. How will the new ITS contribute to a best practice approach regarding participatory democracy, facilitating active transport literacy, and high quality tactical urbanism trials iterated following community feedback?

Response:

The Director Infrastructure Services advised these types of initiatives will be considered in the development of the new Maribyrnong Integrated Transport Strategy.

Martin Wurt asked the following question:

2. How has the declaration of the health emergency in May 2023 impacted on Council operations and decisions and what specific actions have resulted from that declaration to date?

Response:

This question was taken on notice at the meeting, with the following response provided by the Acting Director Planning and Environment:

Since its adoption in August 2022, Council has continued to implement its Air Quality Improvement Plan. A progress report was presented at the Council Meeting on 18 June 2024 – this report can be viewed on Council's website. Council activities since May 2023 include:

- *Working with Victorian Government to:
 - *support the enforcement of truck bans via cameras along residential roads within the City.*
 - *Identify and undertake a range of transport network improvements on traffic speeds, intersection upgrades and the future design of Truck Ban roads**
 - *Working with the WGTP to ensure appropriate connections to Council's transport assets particularly active transport options. This includes the new Veloway for cyclists linking into Yarraville.*
 - *Developing the Maribyrnong Integrated Transport Strategy refresh planned for completion by June 2025. This will address issues including air quality and transport emissions.*
 - *Providing a submission to Freight Victoria on the update to the Victorian Freight Plan and will further engage with them as this progresses.*
 - *Continued advocacy for implementation of a low emission zone in the inner west through engagement with both State and Federal governments.*
 - *Continued advocacy to the Victorian Government to install filtration systems in the West Gate Tunnel ventilation stacks.*
 - *Expanding Council's air quality monitoring sensor network and continuing to investigate new locations.*
 - *Hosting a stakeholder forum regarding air quality focussed on information sharing and identifying opportunities to align efforts*
 - *Increasing community awareness including through a Living Future Expo which discussed air quality issues and provided access to sustainable transport providers and information*
 - *Completing installation of the first public electric vehicle (EV) chargers within the municipality. These two fast chargers are powered by 100% renewable energy.*
3. Will community engagement on the Maribyrnong Integrated Transport Strategy 2025 Refresh include a direct approach to key community groups such as the Maribyrnong Truck Action Group (MTAG) and Save Willy Road to seek their input and thoughts?

Response:

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that should Council proceed with the officer recommendation for the Maribyrnong Integrated Transport Strategy 2025 Refresh, A comprehensive stakeholder engagement plan will be developed to support the development of the MITS 2025 refresh and both organisations are welcome to participate in the engagement process.

Council received several further questions relating to the Integrated Transport Strategy. As per Governance Rule 52.9 these questions have been grouped with a single response provided.

Arjun Kumar asked the following questions:

1. The road safety section (Australia has had a jump in the road traffic fatalities last year and is no chance to meet the goal of reducing 2021 fatalities by 50% by 2030) says an opportunity for road safety is to align speed limits with the Safe System approach. This means 30kmh for streets where people cycle. Will council implement this?
2. The bus analysis makes no statement of how easy or hard it is to get from one part of the municipality to another via bus. Will an analysis like that of the Better Buses for the West campaign be undertaken?
3. Why has the discussion paper abandoned the hierarchy of the previous ITS?

John Symons asked the following questions:

1. In the Integrated Transport Strategy Discussion Paper, Section 7. The Strategic directions, recommends a set of strategic directions and clear goals so success can be measured.

How will these clear goals be identified? Will council undertake a community priorities study to help determine the goals e.g. Place Score?

2. Why is there only a focus on commuting when half of all trips are under 4.2km and 25% of all trips are under 1.6km? These are the trips 85% of Maribyrnong's population say they will take by bike and include the SSSS trips (schools, shops, stations, social places (some of which are known as the mobility's of care)).
3. The ITS Discussion paper expects an additional 28,000 cars to be registered in Maribyrnong by 2041, and road capacity reached by 2031 It also states it is not possible to continue to provide for this traffic growth long term. One suggestion is a diversity of end of trip facilities for bicycle riders despite no evidence this has a significant impact. How important is this issue to council and what other options are council willing to consider to avoid the expected gridlock in seven years? Will Council consider the Downs Thomson paradox in transport planning?

Pierre Vairo asked the following question:

1. Council's 2020-2030 bicycle strategy echoes research that shows the main barrier to cycling participation is safety, and that protected bike lanes increase the safety of riders.

How many times are the words "protected bike lanes" mentioned in the new Integrated Transport Strategy discussion paper? How many times are the words "bike lane" mentioned in the new ITS discussion paper?

Martin Wurt asked the following question:

1. Why does Council's submission to the update of the Victorian Freight Plan not included mention of Council's May 2023 declaration of a health emergency in our city due to the health impacts of air and noise pollution from heavy trucks using the City's streets?

Response:

The Director Infrastructure Services responded to the above questions by advising the Maribyrnong Integrated Transport Strategy discussion paper has been prepared to commence an initial conversation with the Maribyrnong Community on development of a new Maribyrnong Integrated Transport Strategy.

It introduces a set of 6 draft Strategic Directions that will be refined following this initial engagement process. At this stage in the development of a new Maribyrnong Integrated Transport Strategy it is not intended to provide final solutions for our road, rail and path networks.

Further targeted conversations with the community and State Government to address all the questions raised tonight will form part of the development of the new strategy.

The Chair, Cr Cuc Lam, declared Public Question Time closed at 7:16pm.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1. Confirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting - 18 June 2024

To present for confirmation, the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18 June 2024.

Council Resolution

That Council confirms the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18 June 2024.

Moved: Cr Anthony Tran
Seconded: Cr Michael Clarke

CARRIED

6.2. Confirmation of Confidential Minutes of Council Meeting - 18 June 2024

To present for confirmation, the confidential minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18 June 2024.

Council Resolution

That Council confirms the confidential minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18 June 2024.

Moved: Cr Sarah Carter
Seconded: Cr Michael Clarke

CARRIED

6.3. Confirmation of Minutes of Audit and Risk Committee Meeting - 19 March 2024

To present for confirmation, the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 19 March 2024.

Council Resolution

That Council confirms the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 19 March 2024.

Moved: Cr Sarah Carter
Seconded: Cr Anthony Tran

CARRIED

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Nil

8. PETITIONS

8.1. Petition: Maribyrnong: Promote Cat Enclosures and Desexing

The purpose of this report is to table a petition: Maribyrnong: Promote Cat Enclosures and Desexing.

Council Resolution

That Council:

1. *Receives and notes the petition requesting Petition: Maribyrnong: Promote Cat Enclosures and Desexing; and*
2. *Requests the Chief Executive Officer to consider the petition and determine the appropriate response.*

Moved: Cr Michael Clarke
Seconded: Cr Sarah Carter

CARRIED

9. OFFICER REPORTS

9.1. Fair Access Policy

To seek Council endorsement of the Fair Access Policy and Fair Access Policy: Action Plan following community engagement.

Council Resolution

That Council:

1. *Notes the feedback received on the draft Fair Access Policy and Fair Access Policy: Action Plan; and*
2. *Endorses the Fair Access Policy, shown at Attachment 1, and the Fair Access Policy: Action Plan, shown at Attachment 2.*

Moved: Cr Michael Clarke
Seconded: Cr Anthony Tran

CARRIED

9.2. Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Policy 2024

To seek Council endorsement of the draft Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Policy 2024, following a community engagement process undertaken in May and June 2024.

Council Resolution

That Council:

- 1. Note the outcomes of the community engagement process for the draft Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Policy; and*
- 2. Endorse the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Policy 2024, shown at Attachment 1.*

Moved: Cr Simon Crawford

Seconded: Cr Michael Clarke

CARRIED

9.3. Council Submission to the State Government's Inquiry into Food Security in Victoria

To seek endorsement of Council's submission to the State Government's Inquiry into Food Security in Victoria.

Council Resolution

That Council endorse the submission to the State Government's Inquiry into Food Security in Victoria, as shown in Attachment 1.

Moved: Cr Bernadette Thomas

Seconded: Cr Jorge Jorquera

CARRIED

9.4. Council Submission to the Update of the Victorian Freight Plan

To seek endorsement Council's submission in response to the Department of Transport and Planning's update of the Victorian Freight Plan.

Council Resolution

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the submission to the Department of Transport and Planning's update of the Victorian Freight Plan – Discussion Paper, as shown in Attachment 2; and*
- 2. Advocate for a ban on trucks on Williamstown Road within the submission.*

Moved: Cr Simon Crawford
Seconded: Cr Bernadette Thomas

CARRIED

9.5. Maribyrnong Integrated Transport Strategy (MITS) and North-South Cycling Options Study Update

To update Council on the progress of the Maribyrnong Integrated Transport Strategy (MITS) review and the North-South Cycling Options study, including next steps for community engagement.

Council Resolution

That Council:

- 1. Note the status of the Maribyrnong Integrated Transport Strategy review and North-South Cycling Options Study; and*
- 2. Endorse an initial conversation with the community premised on the Discussion Paper, shown at Attachment 1, to provide important feedback for the Maribyrnong Integrated Transport Strategy 2025 Refresh program.*

Moved: Cr Sarah Carter
Seconded: Cr Anthony Tran

CARRIED

9.6. Response to Notice of Motion 2023:11 Supporting Peace in Gaza and Palestine

The purpose of this report is to respond to Notice of Motion 2023:11 Supporting Peace in Gaza and Palestine - Part 9 *“Receives a report exploring options for Council to cancel contracts with companies that support Israel’s illegal occupation of Palestine or profit from it, especially companies which supply equipment to the Israeli Defence Force”*.

Council Resolution

That Council:

- 1. Note the response to Notice of Motion 2023:11 Supporting Peace in Gaza and Palestine; and*
- 2. Consider Notice of Motion 2023:11 Supporting Peace in Gaza and Palestine closed.*

Moved: Cr Jorge Jorquera
Seconded: Cr Simon Crawford

CARRIED

Cr Thomas retired from the meeting at 8:32pm.

9.7. Audit and Risk Committee Bi-Annual Report May 2024

This report presents the Audit and Risk Committee Bi-Annual Report – May 2024 for noting by Council.

Council Resolution

That Council endorse the Audit and Risk Committee Bi-Annual Report – May 2024.

Moved: Cr Michael Clarke
Seconded: Cr Sarah Carter

CARRIED

9.8. Governance Report - June 2024

The purpose of this report is to receive and note the record of informal meetings of Councillors and Councillor delegates' for June 2024, as well as other statutory compliance and governance matters as they arise.

Council Resolution

That Council:

1. *Note the update regarding Council's submitted motions to the Australian Local Government Association's 2024 National General Assembly; and*
2. *Note the Governance Report containing the record of informal meetings of Councillors and Councillor Delegates' Reports for June 2024, to be made available on Council's website for the term of the Council.*

Moved: Cr Anthony Tran
Seconded: Cr Sarah Carter

CARRIED

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

11. COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

Councillor Question Time commenced at 8:39pm.

Cr Sarah Carter asked the following question:

Councillors have received a number of emails from residents around the new Footscray Hospital site, regarding changed parking conditions. What plans are underway for parking regulations in and around the new hospital?

Response taken on notice at meeting and provided below:

Council officers have been working on the development of a precinct wide parking management plan with State Government officers delivering the New Footscray Hospital. This plan will take into account both current parking arrangements and anticipated impacts resulting from the opening of the Hospital.

Community engagement will take place once a draft parking management plan is completed. This will enable finalisation of the plan and implementation of parking changes in advance of the Hospital opening in late 2025.

Cr Jorge Jorquera asked the following question:

Can an update be provided to the community regarding MATAC (Maribyrnong Active Transport Advisory Committee)?

Response taken on notice at meeting and provided below:

The current tenure for members on the Maribyrnong Active Transport Advisory Committee (MATAC) has reached completion.

Council is currently reviewing options to best provide Council with ongoing community input into Council and State Government provisions for transport, infrastructure projects, advocacy and partnership opportunities as we progress the refresh of the Maribyrnong Integrated Transport Strategy.

The Chair, Cr Cuc Lam, declared Councillor Question Time closed at 8:41pm.

12. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

13. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

14. MEETING CLOSURE

The Chair, Cr Cuc Lam, declared the meeting closed at 8:41pm.



To be confirmed at the Council Meeting
on 20 August, 2024.

Chair, Cr Cuc Lam