



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday 15 October, 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 Council Meeting
to be held on 10 December, 2024

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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 Michael Clarke
Councillor Simon Crawford
Councillor Bernadette Thomas
Councillor Anthony Tran

IN ATTENDANCE

Chief Executive Officer, Celia Haddock
Director Community Services, Lucas Gosling
Director Planning and Environment, Mike McIntosh
Director Corporate Services, Lisa King
Manager Governance and Commercial Services, Phil McQue
Coordinator Governance, Christopher Southavong
Manager Finance, Mark Connor

2. APOLOGIES

Cr Jorge Jorquera

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chair, Cr Cuc Lam advised that a number of public questions have been received which could be deemed to contain electoral matter, and therefore were not admitted pursuant to Council's Governance Rules.

The Chair further advised that a written response to the submitters of these public questions will be provided as soon as practicable by Council officers, with the responses to also be included in the December 2024 Council Meeting minutes.

Public Question Time commenced at 6:36pm with one public question admitted.

Fadhullah Yusof asked the following question:

1. Two council officers, conducted unauthorised inspections of my property on several occasions in 2023 and 2024, which the Council admitted in their VCAT written submission. One of the council officers claimed during the tribunal that officers could enter a property without the occupier's permission, contradicting Section 134 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 (Vic), which requires authority or consent. Why do Council officers believe they are entitled to inspect a property without permission or notice to the owner?

Response:

The Chief Executive Officer advised that Council officers have powers of entry pursuant to section 133 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, on this occasion Council officers conducted an inspection from the footpath and did not enter the property.

The Chair, Cr Cuc Lam, declared Public Question Time closed at 6:37pm.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

6.1. Confirmation of the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of the Previous Council Meeting - 10 September 2024

To present for confirmation, the minutes and confidential minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10 September 2024.

Council Resolution

That Council:

1. *Confirms the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10 September 2024; and*
2. *Confirms the confidential minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10 September 2024.*

Moved: Cr Michael Clarke
Seconded: Cr Simon Crawford

CARRIED

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Nil

8. PETITIONS

Nil

9. OFFICER REPORTS

9.1. Consideration of the Maribyrnong City Council Annual Report 2023/2024

For Council to receive and adopt the Maribyrnong City Council Annual Report for the 2023/2024 financial year.

Council Resolution

That Council:

1. *Receives and adopts the Maribyrnong City Council Annual Report 2023/2024 in accordance with sections 98, 99 and 100 of the Local Government Act 2020, shown at Attachment 1;*
2. *Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make minor administrative amendments to the Annual Report 2023/2024 if required prior to final publication; and*
3. *Notes that the 2023/2024 Annual Report will be published on Council's website and made available at the Customer Service Centre at the Footscray Library.*

Moved: Cr Michael Clarke
Seconded: Cr Simon Crawford

CARRIED

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

11. COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

Nil.

12. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

13. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

14. MEETING CLOSURE

The Chair, Cr Cuc Lam, declared the meeting closed at 6:50pm.



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Chair, Cr Pradeep Tiwari