



Maribyrnong City Council

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday 15 August, 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 12 September, 2023

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1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING AND WELCOME

The meeting commenced at 6:32pm.

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 (online)
Councillor Simon Crawford
Councillor Jorge Jorquera
Councillor Cuc Lam
Councillor Bernadette Thomas
Councillor Anthony Tran (online)

IN ATTENDANCE

Chief Executive Officer, Celia Haddock
Director Community Services, Lucas Gosling
Acting Director Infrastructure Services, Paul Jane
Director Corporate Services, Lisa King
Acting Manager Governance and Commercial Services, Jeffrey Buttigieg
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 6:35pm and Council received 4 questions.

Angela Ashley-Chiew, on behalf of "Climate Action Maribyrnong and West Melbourne Parents For Climate Action":

1. July 2023 saw unprecedented heatwaves across the Northern Hemisphere and our hottest global temperatures ever recorded. We know that extreme heat can be life-threatening and the Bureau of Meteorology predicts an El Nino Summer for Australia of a moderate or strong intensity - a rating we have not experienced since 2016, the previous hottest year on record. What is Council doing to help our communities (particularly CALD communities) prepare and protect ourselves from impacts of extreme weather events such as heatwaves?

Response

The Chief Executive Officer responded by noting that Council acknowledges the unprecedented weather and climate events occurring around the world in the last few months.

Council has been actively pursuing several initiatives to prepare and support our communities, including those most vulnerable and at risk from extreme weather events like heatwaves. These initiatives are:

Extended Library Hours: Council is reviewing to further extend our library operating hours, giving residents greater access to a cool refuge for residents during peak periods.

Heat Stress First Aid Training: Heat Stress first aid training for staff at community facilities, community centres, libraries and the aquatic centre is being developed ready for implementation.

Heat Health Guideline: Council is ensuring its services align with Department of Health's Heat Health Guidelines for Health and Community Services.

Council Website: Council will continue to share information and warnings provided by the state and federal government on extreme heat on our website and social media channels.

Council also has a Climate Emergency Action Plan associated with our strategy that can be found on our website, which outlines a number of actions Council is implementing to reduce our impact on the climate.

2. As outlined in the Annual Council Action Plan 2022/2023, when will the Annual Progress report of the Strategy 1.1 Delivery of the climate emergency strategy outcomes 1.1.1 - 1.1.4 be delivered? (1.1.1, 1.1.2, 1.1.4 Annual Progress report to Council due 30 June 2023, 1.1.3 Annual Progress report to Council due 31 March 2023)

Response

The Chief Executive Officer responded by advising that a progress report on the Climate Emergency Action Plan was provided at a Councillor Strategic Briefing on 6 June 2023.

Implementation of the Climate Emergency Action Plan is well underway including 56 actions for the financial year 2022/23.

The Director Planning and Environment will contact you following the meeting to provide a more detailed overview but a snapshot of actions progressed in financial year 2022/23 include:

- A business case is being developed for the upgrade of all Street lighting with energy efficient LEDs.*
 - Work is underway to scope and cost the replacement of the natural gas heating systems and plan for complete natural gas removal from the Operations Centre, and in the future the Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre.*
 - Investigations have commenced to plan for the decarbonisation (improving energy efficiency and getting off natural gas) at Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre.*
 - Procurement of services to deliver the Climate Risk Assessment and Adaptation Framework which was completed in June 2023, with the development of the framework having commenced.*
 - Solar and sustainable energy project options are being investigated for Council and the community. Following identification of options in 2022, further assessment is being undertaken to inform Council on potential environmental benefits and revenue raising capacity.*
 - Community education and engagement work continues.*
- 3.** CE10 of the Climate Emergency Action Plan is to “Undertake advocacy to State and Federal Governments on the range of advocacy goals identified in the Climate Emergency Strategy, including coordinated advocacy with relevant local government/climate networks and programs to further Council’s climate emergency work and leadership”. What climate networks and programs is Council part of and what are the key climate-related asks are Council advocating for to State and Federal Governments through them?

Response

The Chief Executive Officer responded by advising that Council is a member of a number of climate related networks, including:

- the Western Alliance for Greenhouse Action (WAGA) and the Victorian Greenhouse Alliances (VGA)*
- the Council Alliance for a Sustainable Built Environment (CASBE)*
- Climate Emergency Australia (CEA) and*
- Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV).*

As part of these networks Council is advocating on a range of issues including:

- The federal government to consider a comprehensive range of proposals to accelerate the conversion of the national vehicle fleet to EVs*

- *Ensure Victoria's planning system effectively tackles climate change*
- *Implementing the Elevate ESD Targets Planning Policy Amendment focused on significantly increasing ESD standards within planning schemes*
- *Call for an improvement in national housing standards*

Vas Banschikov:

1. Can council assist please with following up on the status of c181mari and getting it on to the vicgov planning scheme website? It is still not appearing on that website and there has not been gazetted. I understand that this is now a state government owned process, however, calls and emails to the department go unanswered and affected home owners continue to remain within the rules of the interim heritage overlay. Thank you.

Response

The Chair responded by advising on that 5 July 2023, Council requested the Minister for Planning to undertake Amendment C181 to the Maribyrnong Planning Scheme to promptly remove the interim Heritage Overlay from all affected properties in the West Footscray and Surrounds Precincts.

On 7 August 2023 Council received notice of the Minister's decision to approve C181. The interim Heritage Overlay will be formally removed when the Minister publishes a notice in the Government Gazette. We anticipate this will happen by the end of August.

Council officers will notify all submitters and affected residents as soon as this occurs.

The Chair, Cr Sarah Carter, declared Public Question Time closed at 6:45pm.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

6.1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Council Meeting - 18 July 2023

The purpose of this report is to present for confirmation, the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18 July 2023.

Council Resolution

That Council confirms the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18 July 2023.

Moved: Cr Cuc Lam
Seconded: Cr Bernadette Thomas

CARRIED

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Nil

8. PETITIONS

Nil

9. OFFICER REPORTS

9.1. Maribyrnong Aquatic Strategy 2023

To seek Council endorsement to release the Maribyrnong Aquatic Strategy 2023 for public comment.

Council Resolution

That Council:

1. *Note the significant role aquatic facilities play in community life and physical wellbeing.*
2. *Approve the release of the draft Maribyrnong Aquatic Strategy 2023 for community comment.*
3. *Seek a further report on the final Maribyrnong Aquatic Strategy 2023 considering community feedback for consideration.*

Moved: Cr Anthony Tran
Seconded: Cr Cuc Lam

CARRIED

9.2. Awarding of Contract No 1234-23 - Provision of Recycling Receipt and Processing Services

To seek Council approval to award Contract No 1234-23 Provision of Recycling Receipt and Processing Services to Cleanaway Pty Ltd.

Council Resolution

That Council:

- 1. Awards Contract No 1234-23 Provision of Recycling Receipt and Processing Services to Cleanaway Pty Ltd for the total contract sum of \$ 4,422,510 (excluding GST) for a maximum 5 year term comprised of an initial term of 3 years plus 2 x 1 year extension options to be comprised of: \$ 2,574,720 for the initial 3 year term, and \$ 1,847,790 for the 2 year extension options.*
- 2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute Contract No 1234-23 Provision of Recycling Receipt and Processing Services to Cleanaway Pty Ltd.*

Moved: Cr Simon Crawford
Seconded: Cr Bernadette Thomas

CARRIED

9.3. Shorten and Barrett Reserve (inclusive of RecWest) 2020 Master Plan Update

To seek Council endorsement to seek community feedback on the proposed updates to the Shorten and Barrett Reserve (inclusive of RecWest) 2020 Master Plan Update

Council Resolution

That Council:

- 1. Note the Shorten and Barrett Reserve 2020 Master Plan Proposed Update.*
- 2. Approve the release of the draft Shorten and Barrett Reserve 2020 Master Plan update.*
- 3. Request a further report on the final Shorten and Barrett Reserve Master Plan Proposed update in November 2023*

Moved: Cr Cuc Lam
Seconded: Cr Bernadette Thomas

CARRIED

9.4. Municipal Association of Victoria - State Council Motions

To present for consideration two motions for submission to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council Meeting being held in October 2023.

Council Resolution

That Council approve the motions for submission to the October 2023 Municipal Association of Victoria State Council Meeting, as shown in Table 1 of this report.

Moved: Cr Anthony Tran
Seconded: Cr Michael Clarke

CARRIED

9.5. Governance Report - July 2023

The purpose of this report is to note the record of informal meetings of Councillors and Councillor delegates' for July 2023, as well as other statutory compliance and governance matters as they arise.

Council Resolution

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

Moved: Cr Cuc Lam
Seconded: Cr Simon Crawford

CARRIED

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

11. COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

Cr Jorge Jorquera:

In regards to the report concerning MAV motions, and the work we have been doing around youth mental health in particular. I'm wondering if moving forward council officers could do some work in pooling together some of the different work that is happening in our three main secondary schools, as they have quite different approaches in each of those schools, just to see what is succeeding, what isn't. As Cr Clarke mentioned, one of the manifestations around the mental health concerns is the high absentee rate in schools. The state government's Navigator program is facing some cut backs so it would be interesting to see how schools are going to pick up some of that slack. If we can aggregate that data to form a report on what we may be able to contribute.

Response:

The Director Community Services will investigate approaches to youth mental health by secondary schools within the municipality with an update to be provided to Councillors.

12. URGENT BUSINESS

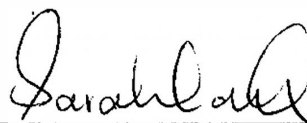
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13. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

14. MEETING CLOSURE

The Chair, Cr Sarah Carter, declared the meeting closed at 7:14pm



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