



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 8 APRIL 2025

MINUTES

**Meeting was held in the Council Chambers,
Corner Hawthorn & Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield
at 7:30 PM**

Present

The Mayor, Councillor Simone Zmood
Councillor Arabella Daniel
Councillor Jane Karlake
Councillor Luca Ragni
Councillor Kay Rimbaldo
Councillor Kimberley Young
Councillor Li Zhang

Council Officers Present

Chief Executive Officer, Rebecca McKenzie
Director Sustainability, Assets and Leisure, Niall McDonough
Director Community Wellbeing, Jane Price
Director Customer and Corporate Affairs, Kellie Vise
Director Planning and Place, Rosa Zouzoulas
Chief Financial Officer, John Vastianos
Manager Legal, Risk and Governance, Diana Vaynrib
Coordinator Councillor Business, Karling Colomiere
Councillor Business Officer, Alex Fry

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**1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS**

The Mayor read the acknowledgement.

Glen Eira City Council Acknowledges the peoples of the Kulin Nation as Traditional Owners and Custodians, and pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging. We Acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to land and waterways. Council extends its respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

2. APOLOGIES**Apology**

Moved: Cr Daniel

Seconded: Cr Karslake

That the apology from Cr Esakoff and Cr Parasol be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. REMINDER TO DISCLOSE ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillors were reminded of the requirement for disclosure of conflicts of interest in relation to items listed for consideration on the Agenda, or any item that was considered at this meeting, in accordance with Section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Rule 85 of the Glen Eira City Council Governance Rules. Councillors were then invited to indicate any such conflict of interest.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were three registrations submitted for Public Participation.

5. WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL

There were no Written Public Questions to Council.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OR MEETINGS**Moved: Cr Rimbaldo****Seconded: Cr Karslake**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 March 2025 be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. RECEPTION AND READING OF PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

Nil

8. REPORTS BY DELEGATES APPOINTED BY COUNCIL TO VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS

Cr Zhang – Municipal Association of Victoria Convention

Cr Rimbaldo – Metropolitan Transport Forum

Cr Karslake – Municipal Association of Victoria Convention

9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND RECORDS OF ASSEMBLY**9.1 Advisory Committees**

Nil

9.2 Records of Assembly**9.2.1 RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES****Moved: Cr Ragni****Seconded: Cr Daniel**

That Council notes the Records of Assemblies for:

1. 4 March 2025 Assembly;
2. 11 March 2025 Assembly; and
3. 18 March 2025 Pre-meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. OFFICER REPORTS (AS LISTED)

10.1 AMENDMENT C269 - MONASH UNIVERSITY SIGNAGE CONTROLS

Moved: Cr Karlake**Seconded: Cr Ragni**

That Council:

1. Seeks authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare an amendment to the Glen Eira Planning Scheme in accordance with Section 8A of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to alter the signage category for land at Monash University Caulfield Campus (Amendment C269).
2. Authorises the Manager City Futures to undertake minor changes to the amendment including changes requested by the Minister for Planning or the Department of Transport and Planning to receive authorisation, where changes do not affect the purpose or intent of the Amendment.
3. Authorises the Manager City Futures to lodge a request for the Minister for Planning to exempt Amendment C269 from notice provisions in line with Section 20(2) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.
4. Subject to receiving authorisation from the Minister for Planning, and should the exemption request not be granted, places the amendment on public exhibition in accordance with the requirements of Section 19 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.2 DRAFT STRATEGIC PROPERTY PLAN

Moved: Cr Young**Seconded: Cr Karlake**

That Council:

1. Endorses the draft *Strategic Property Plan*, as presented in Attachment 1, for community engagement aligned to phase four of Our Place, Our Plan from 30 April to 18 May 2025.
2. Requests a further report on the submissions received and a final *Strategic Property Plan* for Council consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.3 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT (28 FEBRUARY 2025)

Moved: Cr Zhang**Seconded: Cr Karslake**

That Council notes the Financial Management Report for the period ending 28 February 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.4 DISABILITY SUPPORT POLICY

Moved: Cr Young**Seconded: Cr Ragni**

That Council adopts the updated Disability Support Policy as amended (Attachment 1).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.5 KINDERGARTEN CENTRAL REGISTRATION SCHEME POLICY UPDATE

Moved: Cr Daniel**Seconded: Cr Young**

That Council adopts the Kindergarten Central Registration Scheme Policy as amended (Attachment 1).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.6 CANOPY TREE PROTECTION LOCAL LAW PERMIT DECISION REVIEW

Moved: Cr Karslake**Seconded: Cr Zhang**

That Council, having reviewed, under subclause 58(1) of the Glen Eira City Council Canopy Tree Protection Local Law (Local Law), the decision dated 8 January 2025, of an Authorised Officer to refuse the application for a Permit under subclause 37(1)(b) of the Local Law for the removal of the Southern Mahogany tree located at 6 Tennyson Avenue, Caulfield South (Southern Mahogany tree), resolves to:

- 1) Refuse the issuance of a Permit for the removal of the Southern Mahogany tree in accordance with subclause 59(1)(b) of the Local Law; and
- 2) Authorise an Authorised Officer to serve written notice of the decision in Part 1 of this resolution to the applicant who applied for review under subclause 56(1) of the Local Law of the decision by the Authorised Officer to refuse a Permit under subclause 37(1)(b).

For the Motion: Crs Zhang, Karslake and Young (3)

Against the Motion: Crs Zmood, Daniel, Rimbaldo and Ragni (4)

LOST**Extension of Speaking Time****Moved: Cr Zmood****Seconded: Cr Zhang**

That Cr Daniel be granted a two minute extension of speaking time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**ALTERNATE RECOMMENDATION – Item 10.6****Moved: Cr Rimbaldo****Seconded: Cr Daniel**

That Council:

1. Issue a Permit for the removal of the Southern Mahogany tree in accordance with subclause 59(1)(a) of the Local Law; and
2. Authorise an Authorised Officer to serve written notice of the decision in Part 1 of this resolution to the applicant who applied for review under subclause 56(1) of the Local Law of the decision by the Authorised Officer to refuse a Permit under subclause 37(1)(b).

For the Motion: Crs Zmood, Daniel, Rimbaldo and Ragni (4)

Against the Motion: Crs Zhang, Karslake and Young (3)

CARRIED

10.7 ADOPTION OF INTERNAL RESOLUTION PROCEDURE - MODEL COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Moved: Cr Karslake**Seconded: Cr Daniel**

That Council adopt the Internal Resolution Procedure at Attachment 1 of this report, with the following amendments:

1. to remove Clause 5.6a; and
2. replace the following wording under Clause 5.3:

“Where no Councillors (including the Mayor and Deputy Mayor) are able to perform the role of conciliator, the Councillor Conduct Officer may appoint another person (with specialist knowledge of conciliation processes) to conduct the conciliation.”

With:

“Where no Councillors (including the Mayor and Deputy Mayor) are able to perform the role of conciliator, or the parties to the dispute cannot jointly choose a Councillor to conduct the conciliation within two weeks of being asked to do so, the Councillor Conduct Officer may appoint another person (with specialist knowledge of conciliation processes) to conduct the conciliation.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.8 TOWN HALL FLAG POLICY

Moved: Cr Ragni**Seconded: Cr Daniel**

That Council adopts the updated Town Hall Flag Policy, as amended (Attachment 1).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

12. ORDINARY BUSINESS

12.1 Requests for reports from a member of Council staff

Nil

12.2 Right of reply

Nil

12.3 Notice of Motion / Notice of Rescission

Nil

12.4 Councillor questions

Nil

13. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.43pm.

Confirmed this 29 April 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting

Chairperson.....