



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2025

MINUTES

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

Councillors Present

The Mayor, Councillor Simone Zmood
Councillor Arabella Daniel
Councillor Margaret Esakoff
Councillor Jane Karlake
Councillor Sam Parasol
Councillor Luca Ragni
Councillor Kay Rimbardo
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 Risk and Governance, Diana Vaynrib
Coordinator Councillor Business, Karling Colomiere
Councillor Business Officer, Kylie Webster

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1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The Mayor read the acknowledgement.

Glen Eira City Council acknowledges the Boon Wurrung/Bunurong and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung peoples of the Kulin Nation as Traditional Owners and Custodians, and pays respect to their Elders past and present. We acknowledge and uphold Traditional Owner's continuing relationship to the land and waterways. Council extends its respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

2. APOLOGIES

Nil

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.

Suspend Standing Orders

Moved: Cr Zmood

Seconded: Cr Ragni

That Council suspend standing orders at 7.34pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Mayor has made a statement of congratulations to former Councillor, Jim Magee for being announced as an award recipient on the Australia Day honours list. The Mayor went on to further congratulate all Glen Eira award recipients.

Resume Standing Orders

Moved: Cr Zmood

Seconded: Cr Parasol

That Council resumes standing orders at 7.37pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no submissions for Public Participation.

5. WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL

There was one Written Public Question to Council.

<p>Ray Earls Caulfield East</p>	<p>Question:</p> <p>On 16/12/2024, the Derby Residents Group sent an email to Council in relation to the re-vegetation issues in Derby Crescent. Mayor Zmood kindly acknowledged receipt, but to date, there has been no formal reply.</p> <p>Recapping, this email reflected on -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the poor quality plantings installed by LXRA; • the previous written undertakings by Council to help restore the vegetation screen once enjoyed along the Crescent; • the compromised landscaped areas from No.34 Derby Crescent south to Lord Street due to the (unremoved) compacted rock base under plantings and the "freeway" guard rail; • the recent heavy handed pruning of the canopies of street trees, which we feel is yet another setback to our visual amenity • the previously discussed concepts of additional Council plantings both in-road and off-road. • the many on-site meetings already held between residents and officers and the need to maintain momentum for a collaborative landscaping outcome <p>Local residents have witnessed the construction of the impressive bike path along Queens Avenue, an outcome that arose out of Council's proactiveness by taking over the works from LXRA. This also has seen the cleaning up of existing tree understories and other additional landscaping along this avenue.</p> <p>Now that the bike path is completed, will Council now address the poor-quality landscaping that still exists in Derby Crescent? Can Council also formally reply to our email of the 16/12/24 as the residents are willing and eagerly waiting to work collaboratively with you to restore our lost amenity?</p> <p>Answer:</p> <p>We note and appreciate your concerns in relation to the planting, maintenance, and quality of the landscaping along Derby Crescent.</p> <p>These works have been completed by the LXRP and their contractors, and currently they are responsible for the works as part of their obligation to rectify any defects.</p> <p>Given the Christmas and New Years period, Council Officers have only recently been able to discuss the concerns with LXRP officers and explore the options to rectify the landscaping.</p> <p>Council has raised with the LXRP the potential to take the lead on the rectification works, which would be at their cost. Initial discussions have been positive, and it is anticipated that Council will be able to formally respond to your December correspondence shortly.</p> <p>We hope that a collaborative process with Council and Derby Street Residents will be established to inform and enhance an Autumn planting project.</p>
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6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OR MEETINGS**Moved: Cr Daniel****Seconded: Cr Esakoff**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 December 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. RECEPTION AND READING OF PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

Nil

8. REPORTS BY DELEGATES APPOINTED BY COUNCIL TO VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS

Nil

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

Nil

9.2 Records of Assembly**9.2.1 RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES****Moved: Cr Young****Seconded: Cr Parasol**

That Council notes the Records of Assemblies for:

1. 10 December 2024 Assembly; and
2. 17 December 2024 Pre-meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. OFFICER REPORTS (AS LISTED)

10.1 LEAF LANE 85-87 KOORNANG ROAD CARNEGIE

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

That Council:

1. Commences procedures under section 204(1) of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) to declare the laneway at 85-87 Koornang Road, Carnegie, shown hatched on Image 1 in this report, to be a public highway under the Act;
2. In accordance with sections 207A and 223 of the Act and as part of its community engagement process, gives notice in both the Age newspaper and on Council's website of the intention to declare the laneway at 85-87 Koornang Road, Carnegie, to be a public highway and invite both written and verbal submissions on the proposal. This would include notifying the owner and surrounding property owners and tenants;
3. Resolves to hear any submitters who have requested to be heard in support of their written submission at an Ordinary Council Meeting, or at a Committee of Council, at a time and place to be determined by the Chief Executive Officer; and
4. That a further report be presented to Council to consider all submissions received and to determine whether to declare the laneway at 85-87 Koornang Road, Carnegie, to be a public highway for the purposes of the Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.2 2025 FEDERAL ELECTION ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

Moved: Cr Karlake**Seconded: Cr Young**That Council endorses the 2025 federal election priorities for Macnamara, Goldstein and Hotham (**Attachments 1 to 3**).

It is recorded that Cr Karlake vacated the Chamber at 8:05pm during the discussion of this motion and was not present at the time of the vote.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It is recorded that Cr Karlake entered the Chamber at 8:08pm.

10.3 OUR PLACE, OUR PLAN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

Moved: Cr Zmood**Seconded: Cr Rimbaldo**

That Council endorses the multi-phased communication and engagement program, Our Place, Our Plan, to inform its long-term strategic plans.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.4 ELSTERNWICK CLUB COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

Moved: Cr Parasol**Seconded: Cr Daniel**

That Council:

1. endorses a multi-year community engagement program to design and construct open space and a hub for mixed community use at the site of the current Elsternwick Club;
2. resolves that policy statements 4.3 and 4.4 of Council's *Reducing Harm from Gambling Policy* will not apply to any community engagement activities held at the current Elsternwick Club site by Council in relation to the design and construct open space and hub for mixed community use from the date of this resolution; and
3. resolves that an addendum to Council's *Reducing Harm from Gambling Policy* be attached to the policy and updated on Council's website noting that policy statements 4.3 and 4.4 of Council's *Reducing Harm from Gambling Policy* will not apply to any community engagement activities held at the current Elsternwick Club site by Council in relation to the design and construct open space and hub for mixed community use.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.5 COMMUNITY SAFETY AND SOCIAL COHESION

Moved: Cr Parasol**Seconded: Cr Esakoff**

That Council:

1. recognises the current actions in progress and those planned to provide short-term support outcomes for community safety and promote collaboration among local organisations and neighbouring municipalities;
2. supports exploring long-term initiatives outlined in this report, such as participation in the 'Welcoming Cities' and 'YourGround' programs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Extension of Speaking Time****Moved: Cr Zmood****Seconded: Cr Parasol**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.6 COMMUNITY GRANTS

Moved: Cr Esakoff**Seconded: Cr Daniel****Part A-** that Council:

1. Approves Small Grants for:
 - a) Carnegie Toy Library \$1,000
 - b) Bentleigh Calisthenics Club \$978
 - c) St Kilda Police and Citizens Youth Club Inc \$1,000
 - d) Naarm Textile Collective \$1,000

2. Approves Facility Hire Grants for:
 - a) Goan Overseas Association of Victoria \$1,556.66
 - b) Australian Red Cross Society \$239
 - c) Connie Chamber Collective \$1,028.28
 - d) The Club of Bards Song 'The Southern Cross' \$538.50
 - e) Beis Menachem Community Centre \$2,015
 - f) Australian Breastfeeding Association Inner South East Melbourne Group \$3,928

3. Approves a Youth Excellence Award for:
 - a) Sinclair \$1,200

4. Approves a Community Grant variation request for:
 - a) Young Voices of Melbourne

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Zmood has declared a general Conflict of Interest to Item 10.6 Community Grants Part B.

It is recorded that Cr Zmood vacated the Chamber at 8:50pm.

It is recorded that Cr Ragni presided over the discussion and vote of Item 10.6 Community Grants Part B, whilst Cr Zmood had vacated the Chambers.

Moved: Cr Esakoff**Seconded: Cr Rimbaldo****Part B-** that Council:

approves a Facility Hire Grant for B'nai B'rith Victoria to hold the 2025 B'nai B'rith Human Rights Oration for \$856.90.

It is recorded that Cr Zmood was not present at the time of the vote.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It is recorded that Cr Zmood entered the Chamber at 8:52pm.

10.7 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT (31 DECEMBER 2024)

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

That Council notes the Financial Management Report for the period ending 31 December 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.8 TENDER 2025.25 PACKER PARK CYCLING PAVILION CONSTRUCTION

Moved: Cr Ragni**Seconded: Cr Esakoff**

That Council having reviewed and considered the confidential Tender Evaluation report (attachment 1 to this report):

1. appoints **Simbuilt Pty Ltd, as the contractor under Tender number 2025.25** for an amount of **\$1,571,410.00** exclusive of GST based on the Lump Sum submitted;
2. prepares the contract in accordance with the Conditions of Contract included in the Tender;
3. authorises the CEO to execute the contract on Council's behalf;
4. notes the attachment to the report remain confidential in accordance with section 3(1)(g) of the *Local Government Act 2020* or until Council resolves otherwise;
5. authorises Council officers to disclose any confidential information in relation to this item, but only to the extent necessary to give effect to the resolution; and
6. authorises Council officers to disclose the successful tenderer name in the meeting minutes for this item.

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 9.00pm.

Confirmed this 25 February 2025

Chairperson.....