



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 18 MARCH 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 Margaret Esakoff
Councillor Jane Karlake
Councillor Sam Parasol
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 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

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.

Procedural Motion

Moved: Cr Zmood

Seconded: Cr Karlake

That Council:

1. where meetings are held in-person, can continue the meeting if the livestream of the meeting fails;
2. considers the meeting to be adjourned for 10 minutes from the commencement of any technical problem where a Councillor is participating virtually; and
3. where a Councillor is participating virtually and the meeting cannot be resumed within 30 minutes from the commencement of the technical problem, the meeting is to be reconvened on Thursday 20 March 2025 at 7.30pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Suspend Standing Orders

Moved: Cr Zmood

Seconded: Cr Parasol

That Council suspend standing orders at 7.35pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor, Cr Zmood congratulated Cr Li Zhang, on her recent election to the Municipal Association of Victoria’s Board of Directors, representing the Inner Metropolitan South East Region.

Resume Standing Orders

Moved: Cr Zmood

Seconded: Cr Parasol

That Council resumes standing orders at 7.38pm

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Three community members registered to speak during public participation.

5. WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL

Six written public questions to Council have been received to be read and responded to.

Joanne Treloar	<p>Question 1</p> <p>There are pigeon faeces that haven't been cleaned off the Glen Huntly high st footpath for many years. Surely the bare minimum is regularly cleaning the footpaths. I know this isn't the first time this has been requested. Please provide when this will be addressed and what the long term solution is.</p> <p>Answer:</p> <p>In relation to the concerns about pigeons.</p> <p>Glen Huntly Road was pressure washed on 28 February to remove the pigeon faeces, with a positive outcome. In addition, the area receives three pressure washes per year, and twice weekly care crew attendance. Glen Huntly Activity Centre is a priority one location, and therefore this schedule was developed to ensure the Centre receives the highest attendance.</p> <p>Keeping Glen Huntly Activity Centre clean of pigeon faeces, will be an</p>
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	<p>ongoing matter and Council's Works Depot team will continue to monitor the location as part of the Activity Centre Care Crew Team's proactive programs.</p> <p>In January and February this year 'Do not feed the pigeons' signs were installed along Glen Huntly Road to increase awareness of the cause of the issue.</p> <p>It is possible to schedule an additional clean if the need arises outside of the established maintenance schedule. Please contact us directly to arrange this.</p>
Joanne Treloar	<p>Question 2</p> <p>When would the Mayor and Ward Councillor for Glen Huntly be available for a community meeting in a month's time? The Glen Huntly community want to work together with Council on some safety, hygiene and growth issues.</p> <p>Answer:</p> <p>A meeting with the Mayor, Ward Councillor and the responsible Council Director can be arranged.</p> <p>Council's Executive and Councillor Support Team will be in contact with you following the Council meeting to arrange a suitable time.</p>
Tamara de Silva Caulfield East	<p>Question 3</p> <p>How many excessive noise complaints during prohibited hours has council received in past 5 years?</p> <p>Answer:</p> <p>Between 1 January 2020 and 17 March 2025 Council's Public Health Unit received 166 noise complaints that included noise emissions from residential equipment such as heating and cooling equipment and swimming pool pumps that were reported to be operating during times prohibited by the <i>Environment Protection Regulations 2021</i>. Approximately 55 of these complaints were specific to nighttime noise only.</p>
Tamara de Silva Caulfield East	<p>Question 4</p> <p>Of these, how many have been found in favour of the complainants using EPA guidelines in prohibited hours in past 5 years?</p> <p>Answer:</p> <p>None. During the period 1 January 2020 to 17 March 2025 Council attended 3 after-hours noise assessments. On these occasions the noise was not found to be unreasonable because the noise was not audible</p>

	<p>By way of context, in the first instance Council takes an educative approach to noise matters where residential equipment is reported to be operating during the prohibited times by informing the resident about the <i>Environment Protection</i> noise laws. In most of these cases, the noise matter can be resolved at this stage.</p> <p>Council will investigate further when continued breaches occur following the education provided. In these cases the complainant is requested to provide more detailed information to assist Council's investigation. Without this, Council has limited information about the matter when making a determination of unreasonable noise.</p> <p>In many of the reported noise complaints where Council had commenced this investigation, the complainant decided not to pursue the matter, and Council closed its investigation or Council determined that the noise was not unreasonable noise according to the EP Act.</p> <p>To determine whether a breach of the <i>Environment Protection Regulations 2021</i> has occurred, Council officers will investigate ongoing after-hours noise complaints in accordance with Council's <i>After-hours Noise Complaints Policy</i>. These assessments are part of a planned inspection or call out arrangement when there is a reoccurrence of the issue and Council's prior interaction with the resident has failed.</p>
<p>Isabel Willis Caulfield East</p>	<p>Question 5</p> <p>How many excessive noise complaints during non-prohibited hours has council received in past 5 years?</p> <p>Answer:</p> <p>Between 1 January 2020 and 17 March 2025 Council's Public Health Unit received 321 noise complaints relating to noise occurring during times that are not considered prohibited hours by the <i>Environment Protection Regulations 2021</i>.</p>
<p>Isabel Willis Caulfield East</p>	<p>Question 6</p> <p>Of these, how many have been found in favour of the complainants using EPA guidelines in non-prohibited hours in past 5 years?</p> <p>Answer:</p> <p>In the period 1 January 2020 to 17 March 2025 Council issued two Improvement Notices for nuisance noise. Council has not issued a notice in relation to unreasonable noise.</p> <p>By way of context, the relevant legislation that Council investigates noise matters includes the <i>Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008</i> (PHW Act) and the <i>Environment Protection Act 2017</i> (EP Act). The nature of the complaint will inform Council's investigation and actions.</p> <p>In relation to the PHW Act, noise is deemed a nuisance if it is or is liable to be dangerous to health or offensive, meaning noxious or injurious to</p>

	<p>personal comfort. Concerning the EP Act, when considering whether noise is unreasonable, Council must have regard to its volume, intensity, duration, character, time, place, how often it is emitted, and other circumstances.</p> <p>As part of the investigation, Council will request the complainant to provide further information about when and how long the noise continues, how often the noise occurs, and how the noise is affecting a person's health to assist Council's investigation. Council officers will also conduct a site assessment, and in some situations, noise readings to clarify the noise.</p> <p>In most of the reported noise complaints where Council has commenced this investigation, the complainant has decided not to pursue the matter, and Council closed its investigation, or Council determined that there was no nuisance noise and/or no unreasonable noise according to the relevant legislation.</p> <p>In the case where a nuisance or unreasonable noise is found to exist, Council will in the first instance seek compliance from the offender before undertaking enforcement.</p>
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6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OR MEETINGS

Moved: Cr Esakoff

Seconded: Cr Daniel

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 February 2025 be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. RECEPTION AND READING OF PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

7.1 PETITION: EXTEND CAULFIELD RECREATION GYM HOURS

Moved: Cr Esakoff

Seconded: Cr Rimbaldo

That Council:

1. receives and notes the joint letter/petition; and
2. refers this to the relevant Council officers for investigation with a response provided to the submitter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 PETITION: COORIGIL ROAD**Moved: Cr Ragni****Seconded: Cr Parasol**

That Council:

1. receives and notes the petition; and
2. refers this to the relevant Council officers for investigation with a response provided to the submitter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**8. REPORTS BY DELEGATES APPOINTED BY COUNCIL TO VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS**

Cr Zhang – Municipal Association of Victoria

Cr Karslake – Local Government Working Group on Gambling

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 Esakoff****Seconded: Cr Young**

That Council notes the Records of Assemblies for:

1. 11 February 2025 Assembly;
2. 18 February 2025 Assembly; and
3. 25 February 2025 Pre-meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. OFFICER REPORTS (AS LISTED)

10.1 NEERIM ROAD, MURRUMBEENA (ALLOTMENT 2012 EAST OF ELSTERNWICK, PARISH OF PRAHRAN) - MURRUMBEENA TRAIN STATION

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

That Council notes the submission filed by Planning Officers on 28 February 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.2 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (ALGA) 2025 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MOTION

Moved: Cr Daniel**Seconded: Cr Karlake**

That Council endorses the following two motions for submission to the 2025 Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly:

Motion one: Strengthening community services to enhance wellbeing, safety, and violence prevention

That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to strengthen and invest in community services by:

1. Fostering community safety and social cohesion through dedicated funding streams and resources for local councils to implement evidence-based community safety initiatives that promote social cohesion and inclusivity. These initiatives may include infrastructure improvements (e.g. improved lighting, clear and effective signage, graffiti removal, safer pedestrian routes), delivery of events, community engagement programs, and anti-discrimination measures.
2. Enhancing the prevention of family violence through sustained and long-term investment in primary prevention initiatives, tailored funding for support services and resources, including long-term housing, ongoing counselling, employment services, and legal and financial support.
3. Improving community wellbeing through:
 - a) ensuring more inclusive and accessible public spaces
 - b) expanding funding for mental health support services and social cohesion programs
 - c) partnering with councils to deliver sustainable, local programs that address the impacts of rising living costs and support climate action, with a particular focus on supporting the most vulnerable in our communities, and
 - d) delivering increased funding to support homelessness services and prevention initiatives, ensuring individuals receive

assistance before reaching crisis levels.

Motion two: Increased federal funding and support for urban flood mitigation and resilience

That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:

1. Develop a National Urban Flood resilience strategy to coordinate federal, state and local governments and ensure a consistent, long-term approach to infrastructure renewal, especially in urban areas experiencing high growth.
2. Significantly increase funding to the Disaster Ready Fund to meet the growing demand from local governments for flood mitigation and resilience projects, acknowledging the significant oversubscription of the current program.
3. Establish a dedicated funding stream within the Disaster Ready Fund specifically for stormwater infrastructure upgrades and flood mitigation works in urban municipalities, ensuring equitable access to resilience funding beyond rural communities.
4. Promote nature-based solutions to improve water permeability in urban environments by investing in green infrastructure, permeable surfaces, and sustainable drainage systems to counteract the increased flood risk associated with increasing urban density and reduced natural infiltration.
5. Expand opportunities to improve the capacity and capability of local government to respond to the increasing frequency and intensity of extreme weather events due to climate change.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.3 AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES

Moved: Cr Ragni

Seconded: Cr Rimbaldo

That Council adopts the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 21 February 2025 as shown in Attachment 1 to the report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.4 AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE BIENNIAL REPORT

Moved: Cr Rimbaldo**Seconded: Cr Ragni**

That Council notes the Audit and Risk Committee's Biannual Report for the period September 2024 to February 2025 (Attachment 1 to this report) in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It is recorded that the meeting has been adjourned at 8.28pm

It is recorded that the meeting has resumed at 8.32pm

10.5 COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKING GROUP ON GAMBLING (LGGWG) EXTERNAL COMMITTEE

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

That Council:

1. appoints Councillor Jane Karlake as the Councillor delegate to represent Council on the Local Government Working Group on Gambling (LGGWG) until 3 December 2025; and
2. appoints Councillor Arabella Daniel as the substitute delegate for the Local Government Working Group on Gambling (LGGWG) until 3 December 2025.

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 8.37pm.

Confirmed this 8 April 2025

Chairperson.....