



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 25 JUNE 2024

MINUTES

**Meeting was held in the Council Chambers,
Corner Hawthorn & Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield
at 7.30pm**

Present

The Mayor, Councillor Anne-Marie Cade
Councillor Tony Athanasopoulos
Councillor Jane Karlake
Councillor Jim Magee
Councillor Sam Parasol
Councillor Sue Pennicuik
Councillor Li Zhang
Councillor Simone Zmood

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1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

Apology

Moved: Cr Zmood

Seconded: Cr Magee

That the apology from Cr Esakoff be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. REMINDER TO DECLARE 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 60(3) of the Glen Eira City Council Governance Rules. Councillors were then invited to indicate any such conflict of interest.

Nil

Public Participation

This evening we had 0 submitters request to speak to Council during Public Participation.

Procedural Motion**Moved: Cr Cade****Seconded: Cr Magee**

That Council brings item 10.5 written public question on tonight's agenda forward to be heard at this stage of the meeting..

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**10.5 Written Public Questions**

This evening we had 1 Written Public Question to Council which was read and answered as noted below:

**Isaac Hermann
Elwood****Question**

With Glen Eira's 72 sports clubs and 45 sports grounds, could council describe: (a) in what ways council supports sporting clubs and their facilities? and (b) whether Councillors, officers and family actively participate in club committees, or events, or memberships?

Answer:

- a)** Council supports Glen Eira sports clubs in many ways, which includes but is not limited to:
- Routine maintenance activities on the sports grounds, associated ground furniture and club pavilions.
 - Undertaking long term planning for recreation Development Strategies and Policies to ensure Council has an understanding about the future needs for our community sporting clubs.
 - Completing the necessary minor and major renewal planning for club facilities so that works can occur when required in line with Council's Long Term Financial Planning.
 - Supporting clubs in their applications for grant funding to State and Federal Governments.
 - Actively working with club members and committees through our Sport Club Liaison service to proactively respond to concerns and support their good governance.
- b)** Councillors and Officers from time to time will participate in club events in their official roles, for example to open a new facility or attend a special event.
- Council is a large organisation with over 1500 staff, many of whom live in Glen Eira or neighbouring municipalities. It is possible that some of those staff members may hold committee roles or be members of local sporting clubs.
- Councillors and officers would be obliged to declare their membership as a potential conflict of interest if they were dealing directly with a matter relating to a Club that they were an office bearer or member of.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS**Moved: Cr Parasol****Seconded: Cr Magee**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 13 June 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. RECEPTION AND READING OF PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

Nil

6. REPORTS BY DELEGATES APPOINTED BY COUNCIL TO VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS

Nil

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND RECORDS OF ASSEMBLY

7.1 Advisory Committees

7.1.1 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**Moved: Cr Pennicuik****Seconded: Cr Parasol**

That the minutes of the Advisory Committee meeting as shown below be received and noted.

1. Glen Eira Business and Economy Advisory Committee Minutes 16 May 2024; and
2. Glen Eira Strategic Transport Advisory Committee Minutes 16 May 2024

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 Records of Assembly

7.2.1 RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES**Moved: Cr Karlake****Seconded: Cr Parasol**

That Council notes the Records of Assemblies for:

1. 28 May 2024 Assembly;
2. 4 June 2024 Assembly; and
3. 13 June 2024 Pre-meeting

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. OFFICER REPORTS (AS LISTED)**8.1 ADOPTION OF 2024-25 BUDGET AND 2024-25 TO 2033-34 FINANCIAL PLAN****Moved: Cr Cade****Seconded: Cr Zmood**

That Council pursuant to s90, s91 and s94 of the *Local Government Act 2020* resolves to adopt the:

1. draft 2024-25 Budget (Attachment 1 to this report), including proposed user fees and charges specified in Appendix E and F of Attachment 1 to the report; and
2. 2024-25 to 2033-34 Financial Plan (Attachment 2 to the report).

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Extension of Speaking Time****Moved: Cr Magee****Seconded: Cr Karlake**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Extension of Speaking Time****Moved: Cr Athanasopoulos****Seconded: Cr Karlake**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 DECLARATION OF RATES & CHARGES (2024-25)

Moved: Cr Cade

Seconded: Cr Zmood

That Council formally declares the Rates and Charges for the 2024-25 rating year as follows:

1. Amount Intended to be Raised

That an amount of approximately \$140,549,000 (before rebate) is declared as the amount which Council intends to raise by general rates, cultural and recreational lands and annual service charges as follows:

• General Rate	\$113,128,000
• Cultural and Recreational Lands	\$276,000
• Annual Service Charge (Waste)	\$27,145,000
Total	\$140,549,000

2. General Rate

2.1 That a General Rate be applied at a uniform rate of 2.7113 cents in each dollar of Net Annual value be declared in respect of the 2024-25 financial year.

2.2 That in accordance with Section 4(1) of the *Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963*, the amounts payable in respect of the 2024-25 financial year for each rateable land to which that Act applies be as follows:

- For land owned or occupied by the Melbourne Racing Club, a rate of 76 per cent of the General Rate in the dollar which would otherwise be payable in respect of the land.
- For land owned or occupied by the Yarra Yarra Golf Club, a rate of 50 percent of the General Rate in the dollar which would otherwise be payable in respect of the land.
- For land owned or occupied by a sporting organisation operating with liquor and/or gaming licence, a rate of 60 per cent of the General Rate in the dollar which would otherwise be payable in respect of the land.
- For land owned or occupied by a sporting organisation operating without liquor or gaming licence, a rate of 50 per cent of the General Rate in the dollar which would otherwise be payable in respect of the land.

3. Annual Service Charges

That pursuant to the provisions of Section 162 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, an Annual Service Charge relating to Waste Management be declared for in respect of the 2024-25 financial year for each rateable property as follows:

• 240 Litre bin	\$664.00
• 120 Litre bin	\$332.00
• Flats Sharing 240 Litre bin	\$332.00
• Family 240 Litre bin	\$332.00

• 240 Litre Medical	\$332.00
• Litter Management Charge	\$92.00
• Additional Recycling	\$70.00
• Additional Green Waste	\$45.00
• 240 Litre bin (commercial)	\$715.00

4. Rebates

4.1 That Council grants to each ratepayer who is an 'eligible recipient' within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* a combined rebate up to a maximum of \$270 (being an amount contributed by State Government & Council) in respect of the 2024-25 financial year of that land.

4.2 The rebate (Council's contribution) referred to in paragraph 4.1 be granted:

(a) under section 169(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

(b) to assist the proper development of the municipal district.

4.3 It finally be recorded that, in Council's opinion, the rebate referred to in paragraph 4.1 will assist the proper development of the municipal district by partially relieving a specified class of ratepayer of the burden of rate payments; and

4.4 The rebate described in paragraph 1 is not intended to affect any right conferred on any person under section 171(4) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

5. Rates are payable in four instalments due by 30 September 2024, 30 November 2024, 28 February 2025, and 31 May 2025.

6. Council charges interest on outstanding or overdue rates and charges from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

7. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to levy and recover the general rates, annual service charges and any other amounts described in the report in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989 and 2020* and *Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Procedural Motion

Moved: Cr Cade

Seconded: Cr Zmood

That Councils brings item 8.5 Council's Emissions Reductions Pathway - Reviewed Approach on tonight's agenda forward to be heard at this stage of the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 COUNCIL'S EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS PATHWAY - REVIEWED APPROACH**Moved: Cr Pennicuik****Seconded: Cr Zmood**

That Council:

1. notes the successful progress towards the achievement of actions in *Our Climate Emergency Response Strategy*; and
2. notes a report will be prepared by the end of August 2024 that proposes an alternative direct action emissions reduction pathway and target for Council emissions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**8.3 COUNCIL PLAN ACTION PLAN 2024-2025****Moved: Cr Pennicuik****Seconded: Cr Karlake**

That Council:

1. adopts the draft Council Plan Action Plan 2024-25; and
2. amend action 1.5.2 in attachment 1 to read: Fulfil the requirements under the Local Government Act 2020 for the 2024 Council elections and support the successful induction of a new Councillor group and the development of a new Council Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**8.4 INTEGRATED TRANSPORT STRATEGY 2018-31 REFRESH (2024)****Moved: Cr Pennicuik****Seconded: Cr Athanasopoulos**

That Council:

1. adopts the *Glen Eira Integrated Transport Strategy 2028-2031 refresh* and the *Glen Eira Integrated Transport Strategy Action Plan 2024-2025 as per attachments 1 and 2 respectively*; and
2. notes the adopted *Glen Eira Integrated Transport Strategy 2028-2031 refresh* and the adopted *Glen Eira Integrated Transport Strategy Action Plan 2024-2025* will be placed on Council's website.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Extension of Speaking Time**Moved: Cr Zmood****Seconded: Cr Athanasopoulos**

That Cr Pennicuik be granted a one minute extension of speaking time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 ADVOCACY PRIORITIES 2024—2025

Moved: Cr Karlake**Seconded: Cr Athanasopoulos**That Council adopts the *Advocacy Priorities 2024—2025 (Attachment 1)*.**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.7 GLEN EIRA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN 2024-2026**Moved: Cr Zhang****Seconded: Cr Parasol**

That Council:

1. adopts the draft Glen Eira Economic Development Action Plan 2024-2026; and
2. revokes the Glen Eira Local Economy and Placemaking Action Plan 2020-2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**8.8 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT (31 MAY 2024)****Moved: Cr Magee****Seconded: Cr Zmood**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.9 AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES**Moved: Cr Pennicuik****Seconded: Cr Cade**

That Council adopts the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 31 May 2024 as shown in Attachment 1 to the report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.10 APPOINTMENT AND AUTHORISATION OF AUTHORISED OFFICERS - PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 1987**Moved: Cr Parasol****Seconded: Cr Zmood**

That Council, in the exercise of the powers relevantly conferred by section 147(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and section 313 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, resolves that:

1. the officers referred to in the attached Instruments of Appointment and Authorisation under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* ('Instruments') be appointed and authorised as set out in the Instruments; and
2. each Instrument be sealed; and
3. each Instrument comes into force immediately after the common seal of Council is affixed to the Instrument and remains in force until Council determines to vary or revoke it, or the officer named in the instrument ceases to be an employee of Glen Eira City Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.11 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY**Moved: Cr Magee****Seconded: Cr Karlake**

That Council:

1. notes that Cr Sue Pennicuik is unable to attend the Australia Local Government Association – 2024 National General Assembly of Local Government Conference 2-4 July 2024 in Canberra as resolved at the 19 March 2024 Council meeting; and
2. approves the attendance of Cr Tony Athanasopoulos at the Australia Local Government Association – 2024 National General Assembly of Local Government Conference 2-4 July 2024 in Canberra.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. URGENT BUSINESS**Procedural Motion****Moved: Cr Cade****Seconded: Cr Zmood**

That Council accept as an item of urgent business a report titled: The Municipal Association of Victoria August 2024 State Council Meeting motion on cost of living.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**9.1 MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA AUGUST 2024 STATE COUNCIL MEETING MOTION ON COST OF LIVING****Moved: Cr Athanasopoulos****Seconded: Cr Karslake**

That Council endorses the following motion for submission to the 23 August 2024 MAV State Council meeting.

Motion: Collaborating to deliver sustainable, targeted cost of living programs

That the State Council of the Municipal Association of Victoria:

1. recognises that Victorian communities continue to struggle with the impact of increases to the cost of living, including the impacts on young Victorians' mental health and future outlooks
2. notes that annual inflation has risen another 3.6 per cent between March 2023 and March 2024 according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, putting further strain on Victorian households
3. recognises that all governments must act to maintain resilient and socially connected communities in the face of an increasing cost of living
4. notes the cost of living is continuing to place pressure on councils in a constrained financial environment to provide services which build community resilience; and
5. requests that the Victorian Government takes proactive steps to investigate new initiatives which provide a greater safety net for those facing significant impacts as a result of the increased cost of living, and which do not exacerbate inflation. This may include investigating proposals such as low-interest emergency loans or forgoing toll payments and stamp duty for disadvantaged community members.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. ORDINARY BUSINESS

10.1 Requests for reports from a member of Council staff

Nil

10.2 Right of reply

Nil

10.3 Notice of Motion

Nil

10.4 Councillor questions

Nil

10.5 Written public questions to Council

These were heard earlier in the meeting.

11. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

12. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Confirmed this 23 July 2024

Chairperson.....