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Ordinary Council Meeting

Wednesday, 26th April 2023



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The meeting commenced at 7.07pm in the Council Chamber, 1230 Nepean Highway, Cheltenham.

Present: Cr Hadi Saab (Mayor)
Cr Chris Hill (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Tamsin Bearsley
Cr Jenna Davey-Burns
Cr Tracey Davies
Cr David Eden
Cr Cameron Howe
Cr George Hua
Cr Georgina Oxley

In Attendance: Peter Bean, Chief Executive Officer
Jonathan Guttmann, General Manager Planning and Place
Dan Hogan, General Manager Customer and Corporate Support
Samantha Krull, General Manager Infrastructure and Open Space
Sally Jones, General Manager Community Strengthening
Bernard Rohan, Chief Financial Officer
Justin Welsford, Media Advisor
Kelly Shacklock, Acting Manager Governance
Patrick O’Gorman, Governance Officer
Gabrielle Pattenden, Governance Officer

1. Apologies

Apologies from Cr Cochrane and Cr Staikos were submitted to the meeting.

Moved: Cr Davies

Seconded: Cr Hill

That the apologies from Cr Cochrane and Cr Staikos be received.

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Moved: Cr Davey-Burns

Seconded: Cr Davies

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 March 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED

3. Foreshadowed Declaration by Councillors, Officers or Contractors of any Conflict of Interest

There were no Conflicts of Interest submitted to the meeting.

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4. Petitions

Nil

5. Presentation of Awards

Nil

6. Reports from Delegates Appointed by Council to Various Organisations

There were no delegates' reports.

7. Question Time

Question time was held at 7.31pm. Refer to page 8 of the Minutes.

En Bloc Resolution

Moved: Cr Davies

Seconded: Cr Bearsley

That the following items be resolved *en bloc* and that the recommendations in each item be adopted:

- 8.1 Chelsea Yacht Club Parking Arrangements
- 8.2 South East Melbourne City Deal Update
- 9.1 Reconciliation Action Plan Progress Report 1
- 9.3 Community Awards 2023 - Nominations and Winners
- 10.1 CON-22/068 Reactive Tree Maintenance Services
- 10.2 CON-22/067 Programmed Tree Maintenance Services
- 10.3 Delegation of Authority to Chief Executive Officer CON-22/098 Provision of Sports Lights
- 10.4 Award of Contract - CON-22/113 - Traffic Signalisation - Intersection Thames Promenade & Scotch Parade, Chelsea
- 11.1 Quick Response Grants
- 11.2 Bi-Annual Report from the Audit and Risk Committee - December 2022 & March 2023
- 11.3 Audit and Risk Committee Minutes and Charter Review
- 11.4 Appointment of Member to the Arts and Cultural Strategic Advisory Committee
- 11.5 Informal Meetings of Councillors

CARRIED

8. Planning and Place Reports

8.1 Chelsea Yacht Club Parking Arrangements

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Provide use of the southern end of the car park by Chelsea Yacht Club members on Saturdays during the summer sailing season, October to April on an ongoing basis, to be reviewed in seven years in line with the lease term;
2. Provide use of six spaces immediately east of the club building by Chelsea Yacht Club members, Friday – Sunday during the summer sailing season, October to April on an ongoing basis, to be reviewed in seven years in line with the lease term; and
3. Notify respondents to the original consultation via a traffic bulletin that the permit restrictions will be implemented as envisaged in this report.

Note: Refer to page 4 of the Minutes where this item was resolved *en bloc*.

8.2 South East Melbourne City Deal Update

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council be advised:

1. That its previous resolutions on 27 July 2020 regarding a City Deal will no longer be proceeding.
2. That the Mayor/Chief Executive Officer will provide periodic updates to the Council on the work being completed by the Greater South East Melbourne Group of Councils (GSEM) where opportunities to work with the Commonwealth and State Government exist at a regional level.

Note: Refer to page 4 of the Minutes where this item was resolved *en bloc*.

8.3 Response to Notice of Motion 52/2020 - Trader and Community Working Group in Chelsea, Edithvale and Chelsea Heights

Procedural Motion

Moved: Cr Oxley

Seconded: Cr Eden

That consideration of this item be deferred until the May Ordinary Council meeting.

CARRIED

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9. Community Strengthening Reports

9.1 Reconciliation Action Plan Progress Report 1

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the achievements of the Reconciliation Action Plan 2022-2024 implementation from April to December 2022.

Note: Refer to page 4 of the Minutes where this item was resolved *en bloc*.

9.2 Response to Resolution - Notice of Motion No. 9/2022 - Music Festivals

Moved: Cr Howe

Seconded: Cr Davies

That Council:

1. Receive the report; and
2. Allow Officers time to re-engage with industry and retest the market for this project.

CARRIED

9.3 Community Awards 2023 - Nominations and Winners

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Confirm the 2023 winners of the Community Awards for Citizen of the Year and Community Group of the Year, as presented in Confidential Appendix 1 Voting Outcomes – Winners.
2. Determine, pursuant to Section 125 of the Local Government Act 2020, that the identities of all award winners remain confidential until 18 May 2023, except for the notification of the award winners by the Mayor prior to 18 May 2023.

Note: Refer to page 4 of the Minutes where this item was resolved *en bloc*.

9.4 Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-25: Draft Year 3 Health Plan Action Plan

Moved: Cr Davey-Burns

Seconded: Cr Davies

That Council endorse the draft Year 3 Health Plan Action Plan for the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-25 to be released for public comment and feedback.

CARRIED

10. Question Time

Cr Davey-Burns left the meeting at 7:31pm.

Cr Davey-Burns returned to the meeting at 7:33pm.

Trent asked,

"Why are there ticket machines on council property, eg beach car parks? If council is funded by the public paying rates; and council property is maintained by the council through the public paying rates to council. What purpose does charging people to park when it's already funded?"

The General Manager Planning and Place provided the following response,

"I would like to thank Trent for his question. The Kingston foreshore is used by a large cross section of visitors who often come from beyond than the municipal boundaries of Kingston however Council is only able to collect direct revenue through rates from Kingston property owners. Kingston takes a similar approach to many other foreshore municipalities and collects revenue through foreshore ticket machines from residents using the car parking areas. This revenue then supports the Council's budget to manage the foreshore for the many visitors from outside Kingston who continue to use it. Kingston Council provides a parking permit to Kingston property owners to park on the foreshore given the contribution they make to Council via rates."

Rosemary West of Edithvale asked,

"When Council presents its final statement to the Housing Strategy and Neighbourhood Character planning panel tomorrow morning, how much weight will Council consultants give to the views of the majority of submitters, who are advocating to protect their neighbourhoods and streetscapes with less rather than more development, especially in flood prone areas likely to be inundated when sea levels rise as a result of climate change - such as the former Carrum Carrum Swamp?"

The General Manager Planning and Place provided the following response,

"I would like to thank Ms. West for her question. The Council has been an active participant in the hearing for Planning Scheme Amendment C203 which has provided all submitters with an opportunity to address the Independent Planning Panel on matters they wished to raise regarding the Planning Scheme Amendment. Following the Panel Hearing the Independent Planning Panel is then able to consider the submissions received and make any recommendations it feels necessary in response to the Amendment. The Council then has the important role of reviewing the Independent Planning Panel report and making any changes it considers appropriate to the Planning Scheme Amendment. Ultimately the decision on the Planning Scheme Amendment is a matter for the Victorian Planning Minister informed by the view of the Independent Planning Panel and the position put by the Council."

Rosemary West of Edithvale asked,

"Will Council ask the Planning Minister to undertake a review of all metropolitan flood plain areas likely to be inundated as sea levels continue to rise as a result of climate change - including the former Carrum Carrum Swamp - with a view to:

- Identifying those areas and their boundaries;*
- Providing new, more timely planning rules to assist Councils to manage the risks involved, and*
- Indicating what other measures can be taken to protect residents from having their houses flooded and to discourage extra development that might encourage more people to move into these areas?"*

The General Manager Planning and Place provided the following response,
"The Council works closely with Melbourne Water who are the Authority primarily charged with catchment-based mapping of areas that are subject to inundation. The Council then has the role of working with Melbourne Water to update its planning scheme to take account of new mapping completed by Melbourne Water and Council Engineers. This involves the application of the Special Building Overlay and Land Subject to Inundation Overlay. The area to which Ms. West refers to as the Carrum Carrum Swamp is intended to have the conservative residential zone (the Neighbourhood Residential Zone) applied to the vast majority, of residentially zoned land through Planning Scheme Amendment C203. The Council will review the Independent Planning Panel Report and should issues of the nature raised by Ms. West be raised as concern by the Independent Planning Panel this items will be further explored in responding to the Planning Minister on Amendment C203."

Damien Williams of Bonbeach asked,

"My question relates to item 8.3 on this evening's agenda. At paragraph 4 of the executive summary, the report mentions financial support provided by LXRP to Council to engage a consulting firm called Creative Communities. When was that financial agreement between LXRP and Council made, how much money was paid by LXRP and how much did Council spend to engage Creative Communities for their services?"

The General Manager Planning and Place provided the following response,
"I would like to thank Damien for his question. The engagement of Creative Communities was fully funded by the Level Crossing Removal Program and the cost of the engagement and associated material which was produced, was approximately \$100K. The engagement occurred between March 2021 and October 2022."

Lisa asked,

"A \$64 million contribution that was given to the Council is apparently allocated to the capital works program. You have stated that these projects are included in the budget. Again, I have looked through the 176 pages and cannot see what I am looking for. Can you please explain to me which pages have this breakdown so I can have a clear demonstration. I will await your answer at the meeting Wednesday 26th April 2023."

The Chief Financial Officer provided the following response:

"I sincerely thank you for your question and interest in Council's draft budget. I am unable to verify the reference to the \$64 million contribution. The proposed 2023/24 capital program is \$52.9 million and is summarised on page 343 of the Council meeting agenda or page 51 of the Budget document. The full break-down of the proposed capital works program is provided from page 363 to 371 of the meeting agenda, or page 71 to page 79 of the Budget document."

Leanne asked,

"Regarding the 20 minute neighbourhood, the focus at present is on the digitalisation and personal data collection through surveillance cameras that have been installed everywhere without people's consent, for monitoring all residents movement for their safety. You are promoting that everything residents need is going to be within a 20 minute walk. However, where is the infrastructure and facilities plan for every 20 minute zone in Kingston?"

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The General Manager Planning and Place provided the following response,
"I would like to thank Leanne for her question. The State Government's Metropolitan Planning Strategy under Direction 5.1 promotes the 20 minute neighbourhood and this is also reflected in the Kingston Council Plan. The Council has a range of strategic plans that inform its approach to infrastructure and facility planning and these are not segmented into 20 minute zones but relevant geographical areas, that have relevance to the particular strategy. Some practical examples include the Open Space Strategy looks at where passive and active open space areas are or the Housing Strategy looks at the location of services to support residential communities."

Nicholas asked,

"On the local Council meeting on 27 March 2023 Council did not read out 8 questions on the grounds they were repetitive. In line with Kingston Council's Public Transparency Policy and in order to "improve community trust" and "achieve accountability with our community by being transparent, responsive and open" ... will you commit to publishing the questions in the meeting minutes, even if they are not read out, to "uphold the public's right to know" that the decision to not read it is fair and transparent?"

The Chief Executive Officer provided the following response,

"No, we will not publish the questions not read out in the meeting minutes, we only publish the questions that we read out in the public arena."

John asked,

"Under the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2018 section 24, the Council has justified their immunisation plan with research that they have referred to ensure safety of vaccination. Where then is the safety research for the rollout of LED lighting which has been shown to have deleterious health effects?"

The Chief Executive Officer provided the following response,

"Regarding the safety research on LED lighting, as this is a technical question, we recommend you write to the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency who regulate this area seeking a formal response"

The following questions were grouped together as the subjects were considered similar.

Henry asked,

"Latest studies are showing that 5G is not sustainable and is consuming 3 times more energy than 4G and will require more 5G base stations to be installed and will increase heat in cities, and impact human health and wildlife especially bees whose pollenisation is essential to our sustainability. What actions are you going to take to ensure that article 10 of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 is effective by protecting your community from this major risk of unprecedented Electro Magnetic Radiation, which is in your primary role, function and business as a Council?"

Martin asked,

"In Kingston Council, many 5G towers and small cells are switched on or approved to 26 000 MHZ which is the highest level of Electro Magnetic Field Radiation in the world never tested on humans, never proven safe. What urgent actions are you as a Council going to undertake to protect your community from the Commonwealth legislation and Telecommunications Act 1997, unlawfully power grabbing our inalienable rights to live in a safe environment? Whilst a non-proven essential and wireless 5G technology experiment is performed on us all collectively without the clear and informed consent of the subjects of this city."

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The Chief Executive Officer provided the following response,
“These questions are of a technical nature and we recommend you write to the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) and the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency who regulate this area seeking a formal response.”

Note: Questions submitted by Leanne, Irina, Nicholas, Ann and Lisa were not read out as they were assessed as being repetitive of questions already answered at an earlier meeting in accordance with sub-rule 39.9.3 of Council's Governance Rules.

11. Infrastructure and Open Space Reports

10.1 CON-22/068 Reactive Tree Maintenance Services

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Award Contract No. 22/068 – Reactive Tree Maintenance Service as a Schedule of Rates and Lump Sum Contract to TreeServe, at their tendered rates based upon Council's anticipated work quantities for the initial contract period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2027, up to a maximum value of \$8,800,000 exc GST for the initial four-year term, and up to a maximum value of \$17,600,000 ex GST for the full 8-year term, should the two, two-year optional contract extensions be executed; and
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer, or delegated authority, to execute the two, two-year optional contract extensions subject to satisfactory performance.

Note: Refer to page 4 of the Minutes where this item was resolved *en bloc*.

10.2 CON-22/067 Programmed Tree Maintenance Services

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Award Contract No. 22/067 – Programmed Tree Maintenance Service as a Lump Sum Contract supplemented by Schedule of Rates to Active Tree Services at their Lump Sum Price and tendered rates based upon Council's anticipated work quantities for the initial contract period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2027, up to a maximum value of \$9,950,000 exc GST for the initial four-year term, and up to a maximum value of \$19,900,000 ex GST for the full 8-year term, should the two, two-year optional contract extensions be executed; and
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer, or delegated authority, to execute the two, two-year optional contract extensions subject to satisfactory performance.

Note: Refer to page 4 of the Minutes where this item was resolved *en bloc*.

10.3 Delegation of Authority to Chief Executive Officer CON-22/098 Provision of Sports Lights

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Approve an additional contract contingency to the maximum of \$100,000 incl GST; and
2. Authorise delegation to the Chief Executive Officer, or delegate, to expend this provision if required to meet unforeseen costs in the delivery of CON-22/098 Provision of Sports Lights.

Note: Refer to page 4 of the Minutes where this item was resolved *en bloc*.

10.4 Award of Contract - CON-22/113 - Traffic Signalisation - Intersection Thames Promenade & Scotch Parade, Chelsea

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Note the outcome of the tender assessment process for Contract 22/113 – Traffic Signalisation – Intersection Thames Promenade & Scotch Parade, Chelsea as set out in confidential Appendix 1 attached to this report;
2. Award Contract 22/113 – Traffic Signalisation – Intersection Thames Promenade & Scotch Parade, Chelsea for the fixed lump sum price of \$888,614.38 (exclusive of GST) to Prestige Paving Pty Ltd; and
3. Approve the allocation of a separate contingency of up to 10% of the contract sum and delegate authority to the CEO or delegate to expend this allowance to ensure the successful completion of the project.

Note: Refer to page 4 of the Minutes where this item was resolved *en bloc*.

10.5 New Aquatic and Leisure Centre Project Business Case

Moved: Cr Hill

Seconded: Cr Davies

That Council:

1. Endorse the Business Case and recommendations for Kingston's new aquatic and leisure centre in Mordialloc (confidential Appendix 1);
2. Endorse to include funding of \$79.2m (total project cost) within the draft 2023/24 budget and Long Term Financial Plan, that is comprised of:
 - a) \$55.95 million of Council borrowings (subject to finalisation depending on the level of grant funding achieved),
 - b) \$20 million from the Australian Government, and
 - c) \$3.25 million of Council rates; and
3. Authorise officers to continue advocacy for funding from the Victorian Government, and to seek funding through available and future funding streams.

CARRIED

Amendment

Moved: Cr Howe

Seconded: Cr Oxley

That the Motion be adopted with the inclusion of the following point 4:

That Council:

4. Note that this in addition to the \$14.6m cost to acquire the site, being a total of \$93.8m.

The Amendment was put and LOST

A Division was Called:

DIVISION:

FOR: Crs Eden, Howe, Hua and Oxley (4)

AGAINST: Cr Davies (1)

ABSTAINED: Crs Davey-Burns, Bearsley, Hill and Saab (4)

LOST

The Substantive Motion was put and CARRIED

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The Resolution reads as follows:

Moved: Cr Hill

Seconded: Cr Davies

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1. Endorse the Business Case and recommendations for Kingston's new aquatic and leisure centre in Mordialloc (confidential Appendix 1);
2. Endorse to include funding of \$79.2m (total project cost) within the draft 2023/24 budget and Long Term Financial Plan, that is comprised of:
 - a) \$55.95 million of Council borrowings (subject to finalisation depending on the level of grant funding achieved),
 - b) \$20 million from the Australian Government, and
 - c) \$3.25 million of Council rates; and
3. Authorise officers to continue advocacy for funding from the Victorian Government, and to seek funding through available and future funding streams.

CARRIED

12. Customer and Corporate Support Reports

11.1 Quick Response Grants

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the following Quick Response Grant applications:

- Bonbeach YCW Junior Football Club - \$1500.00
- Hellenic Community of the City of Moorabbin - \$1500.00
- Edithvale Aspendale Football Netball Club - \$1500.00
- Our Lady of the Assumption Parish School - \$1500.00
- Chelsea Heights Community Centre - \$1500.00
- Chelsea Concert Band - \$1500.00
- Mordialloc Lapidary Club Inc - \$1500.00

That Council not approve the following Quick Response Grant applications:

- Henan Province Hometown Association of Australia Inc
- Kerry Evitts
- Bronwen Coleman

Note: Refer to page 4 of the Minutes where this item was resolved *en bloc*.

11.2 Bi-Annual Report from the Audit and Risk Committee - December 2022 & March 2023

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the Bi-annual Report from the Audit and Risk Committee.

Note: Refer to page 4 of the Minutes where this item was resolved *en bloc*.

11.3 Audit and Risk Committee Minutes and Charter Review

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receive the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 15 March 2022; and
2. Adopt the revised Audit and Risk Committee Charter.

Note: Refer to page 4 of the Minutes where this item was resolved *en bloc*.

11.4 Appointment of Member to the Arts and Cultural Strategic Advisory Committee

RECOMMENDATION

That Council appoint Victoria Jones to the Arts and Cultural Strategic Advisory Committee.

Note: Refer to page 4 of the Minutes where this item was resolved *en bloc*.

11.5 Informal Meetings of Councillors

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the report.

Note: Refer to page 4 of the Minutes where this item was resolved *en bloc*.

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13. Chief Finance Office Reports

12.1 Draft 2023/24 Budget, Draft 2023-2033 Long Term Financial Plan, and the Draft 2023-2027 Revenue & Rating Plan

Moved: Cr Hill

Seconded: Cr Davey-Burns

That Council:

1. Adopt in principle the Draft Budget, Long Term Financial Plan, and Revenue & Rating Plan all annexed to this report, and prepared in accordance with sections 91, 93, 94, and 96 of the Local Government Act 2020, and the Local Government (Planning & Reporting) Regulations 2020; and
2. Determine that a Special Council Meeting be held on Monday 26 June at 6.30pm at 1230 Nepean Highway, Cheltenham for the purpose of adopting these documents in final form.

Cr Hua left the meeting at 8.10pm.

Amendment

Moved: Cr Howe

Seconded: Cr Oxley

That the Motion be adopted with the inclusion of the following point 3:

3. Delivers alternative options to the Bonbeach Reserve east pavilion in a preliminary report, including to renovate and/or extend the existing YCW pavilion to accompany the FY23/24 budget report, where there will be an option to commit funding to plan or not for the officer recommended alternative.

Cr Hua returned to the meeting at 8.18pm.

The Amendment was put and LOST

A Division was Called:

DIVISION:

FOR: Crs Eden, Howe and Oxley (3)

AGAINST: Crs Davey-Burns, Bearsley and Davies (3)

ABSTAINED: Crs Hill and Saab (2)

LOST

Proposed Alteration

Moved Cr Oxley

That the Motion be adopted with the inclusion of the following point 3:

3. Schedule a formal meeting prior to the adoption of the budget to hear in person formal budget submissions from the community should a member of the community or a community group wish to submit to a Council meeting.

The Proposed Alteration was accepted by the Mover and Seconder

Cr Hill left the meeting at 8:36pm.

Cr Hill returned to the meeting at 8:38pm.

Note: Cr Oxley requested through the Chair and was granted an extension of time to speak on the matter.

Cr Hua left the meeting at 8:50pm.

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Cr Hua returned to the meeting at 8:50pm.

The Substantive Motion was Put and CARRIED

The Resolution reads as follows:

Moved: Cr Hill

Seconded: Cr Davey-Burns

That Council:

1. Adopt in principle the Draft Budget, Long Term Financial Plan, and Revenue & Rating Plan all annexed to this report, and prepared in accordance with sections 91, 93, 94, and 96 of the Local Government Act 2020, and the Local Government (Planning & Reporting) Regulations 2020;
1. Determine that a Special Council Meeting be held on Monday 26 June at 6.30pm at 1230 Nepean Highway, Cheltenham for the purpose of adopting these documents in final form; and
2. Schedule a formal meeting prior to the adoption of the budget to hear in person formal budget submissions from the community should a member of the community or a community group wish to submit to a Council meeting.

CARRIED

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14. Notices of Motion

13.1 Notice of Motion No. 14/2023 - Cr Oxley - Chelsea Heights Lights and Pedestrian Crossing

Moved: Cr Oxley

Seconded: Cr Davies

That Council note:

- In 2018, Council confirmed that it would be building a pedestrian crossing at the Chelsea Heights Shopping Strip.
- Timelines had changed due to VicRoads/DOT Approval requirements
- In-principle approval has now been given for a concept design
- Detailed design has yet to be undertaken

To provide certainty to the community as to timelines of this project, Council resolve to:

1. As soon as practically possible, Council commence detailed design and community consultation.
2. Council confirm allocation of the project amount in the forward Capital Works program for 24/25.
3. On passing of this motion, Council provide a community update on this project given the significant interest in this project from the local community.

Cr Eden left the meeting at 8:53pm.

Cr Eden returned to the meeting at 8:55pm.

CARRIED

13.2 Notice of Motion No. 15/2023 - Cr Oxley - Fenced Off-Leash Dog Parks

Moved: Cr Oxley

Seconded: Cr Hill

That Officers provide a feasibility report for introduction of extra off leash dog parks across the municipality. The report is to consider but not limited to:

- Fenced off leash dog parks
- Options for fenced areas for smaller and larger dogs (like Tattersson Park, Keysborough)
- Areas in proximity to the foreshore to provide options to Dog owners (particularly in Summer when dog off-leash complaints are high)
- Consideration of a dedicated area for Greyhounds (currently under consideration by a number of Councils including the City of Moonee Valley).
- Minimising impact on surrounding activities in local parks/areas
- Introduction of dog poo bag dispensers near sporting fields that are often used as off leash areas

Cr Hua left the meeting at 8:58pm.

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13.3 Notice of Motion No. 16/2023 - Cr Eden - Cost of Living Pressures for Residents and Ratepayers

Moved: Cr Eden

Seconded: Cr Oxley

That:

1. Officers provide Council with further options for Council to consider prior to adoption of the budget that will assist in reducing the cost of living pressures on residents and ratepayers.
2. This is to include but not limited to reducing Council's rate revenue collection, reduction in fees / charges, targeted support and or additional time to make payments on rates (beyond what is already allowed for under Council's hardship policy).

Cr Howe left the meeting at 9:15pm.

Cr Hua returned to the meeting at 9:17pm.

Cr Howe returned to the meeting at 9:19pm.

CARRIED

A Division was Called:

DIVISION:

FOR: Crs Davey-Burns, Bearsley, Eden, Hill, Howe, Hua, Oxley and Saab
(8)

ABSTAINED: Cr Davies (1)

CARRIED

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15. Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

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16. Confidential Items

Moved: Cr Davies

Seconded: Cr Howe

That in accordance with section 66(1) and 66(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the meeting be closed to members of the public for the consideration of the following confidential items:

15.1 Planning Matter

This agenda item is confidential information for the purposes of section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020:

- because it is land use planning information, being information that if prematurely released is likely to encourage speculation in land values (section 3(1)(c)), and
- the explanation as to why the specified ground/s applies is due to the proposed application of the Heritage Overlay and request for interim controls to be applied.

CARRIED

The meeting was closed to members of the public at 9.30pm.

Moved: Cr Bearsley

Seconded: Cr Hua

That the meeting be opened to members of the public.

CARRIED

The meeting was opened to members of the public at 10.26pm.

The meeting closed at 10.26pm.

Confirmed.....

The Mayor 22 May 2023