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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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Darebin City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land we now call Darebin and pays respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

Council pays respect to all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Darebin.

Council recognises, and pays tribute to, the diverse culture, resilience and heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We acknowledge the leadership of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and the right to self-determination in the spirit of mutual understanding and respect.



English

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Punjabi

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Vietnamese

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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY 24 APRIL 2023

THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.01pm

The Mayor advised that the meeting was being streamed live and that audio and video would be made available on Council's website.

1. OPENING OF MEETING AND MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

Cr. Julie Williams (Mayor) (Chairperson)
Cr. Susanne Newton (Deputy Mayor)
Cr. Emily Dimitriadis – 6.03pm
Cr. Gaetano Greco
Cr. Lina Messina
Cr. Tim Laurence
Cr. Tom Hannan
Cr. Trent McCarthy – 6.04pm
Cr. Susan Rennie

Council Officers

Kylie Bennetts – Acting Chief Executive Officer
Jodie Watson - General Manager Governance and Engagement
Sam Hewett - General Manager Operations and Capital
Vanessa Petrie - Acting General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy
Jacinta Stevens - Manager Corporate Governance
Wendy Dinning - Manager Equity and Wellbeing
Vicky Guglielmo - Manager Creative Culture and Events
Melanie McCarten - Manager Recreation and Libraries

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The Chairperson, Mayor Williams, opened the meeting with the following statement:

I would like to start by acknowledging the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people, the Traditional Owners of this land and pay my respects to Elders past and present, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and culture.

3. APOLOGIES

Peter Smith, Chief Executive Officer

4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Laurence declared a conflict of interest in Item 11.1 Notice of Amendment, Item 9.6 - Northcote Public Golf Course (Council Meeting 27 March 2023 Minute No. 23-034), due to a family member with a residential amenity in close proximity to Northcote Golf Course.

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 27 March 2023 and Special Council Meeting held on the 30 March 2023 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-046

MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis

SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- (1) Confirms the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 27 March 2023 as a correct record of business transacted with the following inclusions to be noted in the minutes for item 9.1 – Quarter 2 Financial Report Ending 31 January 2023 – Financial Performance and Mid-Year Forecast Update:
 - a) Cr Dimitriadis questioned the requirements of section 97(3) of the Local Government Act;
 - b) The CEO took the question on notice;
 - c) The item was moved by Cr Hannan and seconded by Cr McCarthy;
 - d) The meeting was adjourned at 7.08pm due to technical livestreaming difficulties;
 - e) The meeting resumed at 7.13pm, at which time the CEO confirmed the requirements of section 97(3) were not contained within the report and withdrew the item until the April meeting.
- (2) Confirms the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 30 March 2023 as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. COUNCIL'S OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES

The Chairperson, Mayor Williams, made the following statement:

Council has an occupational health and safety responsibility to ensure anyone attending tonight's meeting, in person or online, feels safe both physical and emotionally.

7. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

The Chairperson, Cr. Williams referred to relevant General Managers to responded to the following questions submitted for Public Question Time.

- **John Nugent**

Could you please advise if the clubs that received field lighting at Donath East, Dole Avenue and Moore Park, did these Clubs pay a contribution towards the costs?

Response from Acting General Manager Community

Thank you for your question, John.

With the high State Government stimulus grant funding ratio for these projects, which was 90% State Government and 10% Council, clubs were not asked to contribute to these sports field lighting projects.

- **Ruth Jelley**

1. Will Parkiteer bike parking cages be installed at the newly revamped Bell & Preston stations?
2. Why does Darebin Council continually ignore the safety concerns of cyclists in Reservoir and only fund cycling safety projects in the southern postcodes?
3. Has Council analysed whether there is enough parking available in permit zones throughout Darebin to accommodate the additional permits to be allocated per household (on average) following the adoption of the new parking permit policy?

Response from Acting General Manager City Sustainability & Strategy

Hi Ruth, thank you for the questions.

1. **The Bell and Preston station upgrades are being delivered by the Level Crossing Removal Project team. Both stations will have Parkiteer cages.**
2. **Once delivered, the Your Street Your Say Group A projects will improve safety on Darebin's roads. Projects to reduce speeds and manage trucks, like those adopted in Reservoir, will also improve safety for people riding bikes.**
3. **No, this detailed assessment is underway now. In March Council endorsed a draft policy for engagement, and we are currently seeking community feedback on this draft. We will undertake further analysis before a recommended policy is considered for adoption.**

- **Carmen Muscat**

I asked these questions last month and I still have had no reply.

1. I understand a number of people have lodged statutory declarations with the Victorian Local Governance Association Inc giving notice of withdrawal of consent to be placed under surveillance by any device operated by any government bodies, including councils, including but not limited to facial recognition, number plate reading devices, audio recording devices and GPS - how does Council propose to accommodate these requests?
2. Is Council going to comply with the request of such people that all images and surveillance details relating to them be destroyed and what proof will you provide of this? I understand sworn affidavits testifying to the destruction have been requested.
3. Is Council aware that withdrawal of consent means that any further surveillance is a breach of the Surveillance Devices Act 1999 which can be penalised by fines or imprisonment?

Response from General Manager Operations & Capital

Thank you for your questions, Carmen.

Council has consulted the Victorian Local Governance Association in relation to your questions and is awaiting further advice. Council is also conducting its own research on the privacy matters you have raised. Upon the completion of these investigations Council will provide a response to your questions.

- **David Smith**

1. Can the council please explain why they are allowing the removal of mature trees, open green space and public facilities at the corner of Bruce and Mary Street, Preston, in favour of fully enclosed cricket nets?
2. Why has council not considered having seasonal training facilities backing into the oval, similar to opposing cricket teams within the sub-district cricket competition and maintain the existing open space for the benefit of the residents of Darebin?
3. Will council commit to provide continuing updates regarding the removal of public open green space and community facilities to the residents of the Darebin central ward and the over 120 people I spoke to this weekend who signed a petition opposing the removal of the community park at the corner of Bruce and Mary Street?

- **Simon Roddler**

1. Given \$500,000 is being spent to plant trees along High St as one of Darebin's 10 Big Actions in the 2021-2025 Council Plan, to "...increase tree canopy coverage" as well as the Open Space Strategy, Urban Forest Strategy and the Green Streets Streetscape Strategy, why are the Council supporting the removal of 25 mature trees on a prominent intersection (corner of Bruce and Mary Streets) in the same area?
2. As only one of 3 green spaces with a children's playground in the Preston Central area, what is the justification of removing a regularly used family space at the south eastern corner of Preston City Oval for a permanent fixture of a seasonal sport that largely remains locked to the general public?

3. Please detail the Council's efforts to inform the local community of the removal of the playground and trees at Preston City Oval and if there was any community consultation to assess the desirability of the changes?

Response to David Smith and Simon Roddler, from Manager Recreation and Libraries

Thank you for raising these issues, Simon and David.

We are aware of community concerns in relation to the relocation of the cricket nets.

Officers are briefing Councillors on the Preston City Oval cricket nets in early May.

We can and will provide more information following that Briefing.

- **Fotis Kapetopoulos**

What will the Council do about the deleterious impact of the constant disturbances and safety concerns from a property on Ashton St. owned reports of dangerous dog incident and piles of rubbish on McColl St?

Response from Acting General Manager City Sustainability & Strategy

Thank you for your questions Fotis. The Manager will contact you on Wednesday to discuss your concerns.

- **Maureen Wilson**

There is currently a critical shortage of accommodation for low income and people on government Social Security payments. What outreach or resources does the Council have to provide support and to link people to appropriate resources to prevent them from becoming homeless? Given that once a person becomes homeless it is difficult for them to obtain secure housing again.

Response from Manager Equity and Wellbeing

Council works through and with our partners and local agencies to provide information and referrals for people at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Council has funded an assertive outreach program for people experiencing homelessness by linking them with local housing and health support services.

In March, Council confirmed its position to continue its advocacy work to support initiatives to address and respond to homelessness including additional crisis and affordable housing and functional zero approaches.

- **Michael Ricardo**

Why is the council using non-Union contractors? The council is paying the same rates for non-Union (for example, plumbers, and asphalt) contractors, as it would for unionised contractors, it just means the workers get a far lower portion of fair share.

Response from General Manager Governance & Engagement

Thanks for your question Michael.

Council has a large workforce that delivers a range of services for the community. Council prioritises its own workforce but on occasion, contractors are engaged to fill a variety of short-term needs (like filling vacancies while recruitment is carried out, where staff illness impacts service delivery to our community).

- **Marion Attwater**

1. The first question relates to The Risk Management Policy and Report at Item 9.1. Can the section of the Risk Management Policy for Roles and Responsibilities please be amended to include a reference to the Governance and Management Checklist?
2. How did the Council communicate the introduction of a cat curfew to the wider community after the decision was made in August 2020?
3. The third question relates to fixed penalties for certain parking infringements. The current value of a penalty unit is \$184.92 which seems way out of proportion to the minimum wage or even the average wage - can Councillors please give consideration to reverting those parking infringements back to 0.2 penalty unit, as a way of acknowledging the cost of living pressures in Victoria?

Response from General Manager Governance & Engagement

Thank you for your questions Marion. I will respond to your first question regarding the Risk Management Policy tonight.

Darebin's Risk Management Policy is a high-level statement of its intentions and directions as to how risk management is managed.

The Governance and Management Checklist you reference provides a broad overview of the status of Council's governance and management arrangements with 24 items, including the 3 you refer to.

There are various mechanisms contained within the Risk Management Framework to embed effective risk management processes and oversight across the organisation. This includes elements that are reported through the Governance and Management Checklist.

I appreciate your suggestion, however at this time we believe that the allocated responsibilities in the Policy are appropriate.

Response from Acting General Manager City Sustainability & Strategy

Regarding question two, Council communicated the introduction of Darebin's Cat Curfew on our website with specially created FAQ's, and on Council's social media accounts.

Information was also made available at Council's libraries and customer service centres.

Regarding your third question, the value of a penalty unit is set annually by the Victorian Treasurer, under section 6 of the Monetary Units Act 2004, and is updated on 1 July each year in line with inflation.

As part of the current 23-24 budget process, Council is considering fees and charges for 2023-24.

- **Vasillios Tsalkos**

In the recent words of Darebin CEO Mr Smith “We’re absolutely committed to being open and transparent” Will council reassess their question time rules to make it more accessible and transparent to the community, by allowing community members to come and ask questions without being required to submit them prior to the meeting?

Response from Acting General Manager City Sustainability & Strategy

Thank you for your question Vasiliios.

The Governance Rules were recently reviewed by Council with oversight and suggested inputs made by the former municipal monitor, Public Question Time being one of them. The design being to ensure that Officers were adequately prepared to respond to the enquires through Public Question Time.

At the time of amending, the Governance Rules were put out for community consultation for input. There will be further opportunity for us to review the Governance Rules in the coming 12 - 18 months, at which time there will be an opportunity for us to assess how well that is working for the community based on feedback, so I thank you for your feedback and question.

- **Serena O’Meley**

1. Please provide each of the annual amounts of money, broken down by year, which have been collected via Developer Contribution Plan after it was reinstated following its lapse in 2014.
2. Darebin Council ceased posting the minutes of its advisory committee meetings online some years ago and now only posts attendance lists and topic areas. By definition these bodies influence the decision- making of Darebin Council and their minutes should be made publicly available, in line with council's transparency obligations. Can you explain why minutes for the advisory committee meetings are no longer posted online?
3. When members of the community make submissions to the budget process, they do so with the understanding that their representations are public. In many cases they make their presentations in person and are filmed doing so. Yet in recent years the names of presenters have been redacted from the minutes. Again, this is out of step with council's transparency obligations. Will council ensure that the names of all submitters are minutes along with their proposals in the upcoming budget consultations?

Response from Acting General Manager City Sustainability & Strategy

1. **Thanks for your question Serena. The new Darebin Development Contributions Plan only recently came into effect on 25 January this year, as part of Amendment 170 dare. To date, approximately \$37,000 has been collected in the two months since its introduction.**

Response from General Manager Governance & Engagement

2. This question was taken on notice, to carry out further investigation.
3. The names those people who made verbal submissions to the 23/24 budget at the Hearing of Submissions Committee meeting held on 14 March 2023 are included in the minutes of the meeting, whilst their name was referenced, their personal details (address, phone, etc) were redacted from the report in line with Council's Privacy Policy. I would also note that Council submissions to the Draft 2023/24 Budget have occurred and taken place so whilst the Budget will be proceeding to Community Consultation from the 22 May 2023, that will be an exhibition process and there will not be a secondary Hearing of Submissions.

- **Bill Jennings**

1. I note the growing numbers of games played at Northcote Public Golf Course in the calendar years of 2020 and 2021 (both years recorded over 21000 and 24000 games respectively after just over 17000 games were played in 2019). Could Council provide the total number of games played at the course in 2022 and the number of games played to the end of March in 2023?
2. When Councillors speak to the media, are they required by the current Code of Conduct to ask the Mayor's permission to do so and are they allowed to express a personal view when speaking as a Councillor?
3. I note the public outpouring of affection when the news of the passing of former Victorian of the Year, and Social Justice champion, Father Bob Maguire, broke last week. Father Bob was born in Thornbury on 14 September 1934, could I ask if Council might explore an appropriate way to publicly acknowledge Father Bob's extraordinary life seeing that he was born in our municipality?

Response from Manager Recreation and Libraries

1. Thank you for your questions, Bill. In 2022, 26,542 rounds of golf were played at Northcote Public Golf Course. From January to March 2023, there have been 7,695 rounds of golf.

Response from General Manager Governance & Engagement

2. The Code of Conduct recognises the Mayor as the primary spokesperson for Council and is supported by the Councillor Media and Social Media Policy, which was reviewed and adopted by Council in February 2023. The updated policy states that "Any/all contact between the media and individual Councillors should be referred to the Mayor and/or the Communications Engagement and Customer Experience Department, preferably ahead of any response being provided by a Councillor". The policy also states that Councillors are entitled to express an independent view as long as they make it clear that any unofficial comments are their personal view and does not represent a position adopted by the Council as a whole.
3. Thanks for your question Bill. We were very sorry to hear of the passing of Father Bob and recognise this commitment to social justice and the disadvantaged. Council has a Memorial Policy to guide decision making on requests such as this. An officer will be in touch to provide further information regarding how to submit a request.

8. PETITIONS

Nil

PROCEDURAL MOTION TO CHANGE THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 23-047****MOVED: Cr. L Messina**
SECONDED: Cr. E Dimitriadis

That Council change the order of business so that the Notices of Motion - Items 11.1, 11.2, 11.3, 11.4, 11.5 and 11.6, are the first items to be considered on the Agenda, followed by Item 9 – Consideration of Reports.

LOST

For: Cr's Dimitriadis, Greco, Messina, and Laurence (4)
Against: Cr's Hannan, Newton, Rennie and McCarthy (4)
Abstained: Cr Williams

The motion was lost on the casting vote of the Mayor.

9. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

9.1 RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To seek Council approval of the revised Risk Management Policy, incorporating the Risk Appetite Statements as an appendix to the Policy.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-048

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. T Hannan

That Council approve the Risk Management Policy at Attachment A.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 ADOPTION OF THE PLACE AND ROAD NAMING POLICY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Report provides a summary of results and feedback from the community consultation and recommends adoption of the Place and Road Naming Policy April 2023 (Policy). A copy of the Policy is attached at **Appendix A**.

Council endorsed that the draft Road and Place Naming Policy proceed to community consultation at its meeting on 28 November 2022.

Having considered the outcome of community consultation, no amendments are proposed to be made to the draft Policy after completing community consultation. The Community Consultation brought responses from 110 respondents with 76% supporting the draft Place and Road Naming Policy. Of the 47 online surveys and 63 hard copy surveys received, 89 respondents were in support of the Naming Priorities and 88 respondents did not identify anything missing or requiring change to the Naming Priorities. Of the 22 submissions that did not support the Naming Priorities, 17 dealt with matters outside the draft Place and Road Naming Policy, 2 preferred a 50/50 split in the Naming Priorities based on gender and 3 disagreed with the Naming Priorities as a whole rather than any specific priority.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Notes the responses received through the community consultation undertaken on the Place and Road Naming Policy.
- (2) Adopts the Place and Road Naming Policy April 2023 attached at **Appendix A** to this Report.
- (3) Thank the community for their participation in the community consultation and note that Council Officers will thank the community groups who provided feedback.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. G Greco
SECONDED: Cr. S Newton

That Council:

- (1) Notes the responses received through the community consultation undertaken on the Place and Road Naming Policy.
- (2) Adopts the Place and Road Naming Policy April 2023 attached at Appendix A to this Report.
- (3) Thank the community for their participation in the community consultation and note that Council Officers will thank the community groups who provided feedback.
- (4) **Requests that a report be provided to Council as soon as possible to consider the review of 'Breathing Space – Darebin's Open Space Strategy' with consideration to the principles established through the adoption of the Place and Road Naming Policy, to increase the proportion of names reflecting our migrant and culturally diverse communities and their cultural heritage in closer alignment to the proportion established for other assets such as Buildings/Pavilions and Major Roads.**

- (5) Add historical details of why streets are named after or who they are named after (if known) below the street signs name every time a street sign is newly placed/replaced.

Procedural Motion

MOVED: Cr. S Rennie
SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy

That Council suspend the debate and consider Item 9.2 Adoption of the Place and Road Naming Policy after Item 9.4 Governance Report – April 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.46pm - Council moved on to consider the next items on the agenda, Item 9.3 Property Matters Report April 2023 and Item 9.4 Governance Report – April 2023.

6.56pm – Council resumed debate on Item 9.2 Adoption of the Place and Road Naming Policy.

Cr. Messina and Cr. Newton proposed a further amendment to add Point (6) and (7) to the Motion as follows:

- (6) **Incorporate the naming of the Libraries identified in the naming opportunities on 28 November 2022 to be referred for consideration in the development of the 2024/25 Council Plan Action Plan, with three libraries to be named with names associated with CALD/migrant communities and one library to be named with a name from Woi-wurrung language / First Nations people.**
- (7) **Endorse the referral of naming opportunities reported on 28 November 2022 for consideration in the development of the 2023/24 and 2024/25 Council Plan Action Plans.**

Cr. Rennie proposed a further amendment to include the words “and budgets” to Point (7) to read as follows:

- (7) **Endorse the referral of naming opportunities reported on 28 November 2022 for consideration in the development of the 2023/24 and 2024/25 Council Plan Action Plans and budgets.**

The proposed amendments were accepted by the Mover and the Seconder and became the Council Resolution as follows:

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-049

MOVED: Cr. G Greco
SECONDED: Cr. S Newton

That Council:

- (1) Notes the responses received through the community consultation undertaken on the Place and Road Naming Policy.
- (2) Adopts the Place and Road Naming Policy April 2023 attached at **Appendix A** to this Report.
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- (3) Thank the community for their participation in the community consultation and note that Council Officers will thank the community groups who provided feedback.
- (4) Requests that a report be provided to Council as soon as possible to consider the review of “Breathing Space – Darebin’s Open Space Strategy” with consideration to the principles established through the adoption of the Place and Road Naming Policy, to increase the proportion of names reflecting our migrant and culturally diverse communities and their cultural heritage in closer alignment to the proportion established for other assets such as Buildings/Pavilions and Major Roads.
- (5) Add historical details of why streets are named after or who they are named after (if known) below the street signs name every time a street sign is newly placed/replaced.
- (6) Incorporate the naming of the Libraries identified in the naming opportunities on 28 November 2022 to be referred for consideration in the development of the 2024/25 Council Plan Action Plan, with three libraries to be named with names associated with CALD/migrant communities and one library to be named with a name from Woi-wurrung language / First Nations people.
- (7) Endorse the referral of naming opportunities reported on 28 November 2022 for consideration in the development of the 2023/24 and 2024/25 Council Plan Action Plans and budgets.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3

PROPERTY MATTERS REPORT APRIL 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to:

- 1) For Item 1: the completion of the statutory procedures for the proposed sale of the discontinued adjoining 9 Kelvin Grove, Thornbury, shown hatched on the site plan in **Appendix A** and shown as Lot 4 on Title Plan TP023764B in **Appendix A**. This report further recommends that the land from the discontinued road be sold to the owner of 9 Kelvin Grove, Thornbury who have agreed in principle to purchase the land for of \$29,700.00 (incl GST) plus the recovery of Council's legal costs, and that if no submissions are received, that the Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority to complete the statutory procedures for the sale of the land to the owners of 9 Kelvin Grove. A further report will be presented to Council for noting regarding the Chief Executive Officer's decision.
- 2) For Item 2: the Chief Executive Officer's acceptance to sell Lots 5 and 15 on Title Plan TP023783W, to the owner of 22 and 24 Darebin Boulevard, Reservoir, as per Council's resolution on 28 November 2022.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 23-050**

MOVED: Cr. S Rennie
SECONDED: Cr. S Newton

Item 1: Sale of discontinued road adjoining 9 Kelvin Grove, Thornbury

That Council:

- (1) Commences the statutory procedures under section 114 of the Local Government Act 2020 to sell the land from the discontinued road adjoining 9 Kelvin Grove, Thornbury, shown hatched on the site plan in **Appendix A** and shown as Lot 4 on Title Plan TP023764B in **Appendix A** to the owner of 9 Kelvin Grove, Thornbury, by private treaty in accordance with Council's Sale of Minor Assets Policy 2022.
- (2) Gives notice of its intention to sell the land on Council's website and in such notice states that Council proposes to sell the land from the former road to the owner of 9 Kelvin Grove, Thornbury, by private treaty and to transfer to itself any land not sold, in accordance with Council policy.
- (3) Invites written submissions on the proposed sale and deal with any submissions received in line with the principles set out in section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (4) Notes that any submissions received be considered by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee at a meeting to be held on 10 July 2023.
- (5) If no submissions are received, a further report be presented to the Chief Executive Officer for a decision under delegation to consider completion of the statutory procedures for the sale of the land to the owner of 9 Kelvin Grove, Thornbury, and sign all necessary documentation for the sale of the land in accordance with Council policy and / or the transfer to Council of any land that remains unsold.

- (6) Note that the outcome of this matter will be reported through the Property Matters report following any decision under delegation, should there be no submissions received.
- (7) Note that in the event that submissions are received from other adjoining property owners or interested parties, Council reserves the right to reallocate the manner in which the land is to be sold in accordance with the Sale of Minor Council Asset Policy.

Item 2: Sale of Land from discontinued road – rear 22 and 24 Darebin Boulevard and 14 and 16 Banff Street, Reservoir

That Council notes the matter of the sale of Lots 5 and 15 on Title Plan TP023783W, to the owner of 22 and 24 Darebin Boulevard, Reservoir has been completed under delegation by the CEO in accordance with Council's resolution on 28 November 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.4 GOVERNANCE REPORT - APRIL 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The matters covered under the Governance Report for the month of April 2023 are:

- Summary of Advisory Committees, Councillor Briefing and other informal meetings of Councillors (**Appendix A**).
- Reports by Mayor and Councillors.
- Quarterly Freedom of Information (FOI) statistics (1 July 2022 to 31 March 2023).
- Confidential CEO Employment Matters Committee Minutes 27 February 2023 and 20 March 2023 (**Appendix B** circulated to Councillors separately).
- Minutes of the Hearing of Submissions Committee Meeting held on 14 March 2023 (**Appendix C**).
- Mayor attendance at the Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly 2023.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Notes the Governance Report – April 2023.
- (2) Notes the Summary of Advisory Committees, Councillor Briefings and other Informal Meetings of Councillors at **Appendix A** to this report, for incorporation in the minutes of this meeting.
- (3) Notes that reports by Mayors and Councillors submitted prior to the meeting and circulated to Councillors, will be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.
- (4) Notes the FOI statistics for the period 1 July 2022 to 31 March 2023 in table shown below.
- (5) Notes the Confidential CEO Employment Matters Committee Minutes 27 February 2023 and 20 March 2023 (**Appendix B** circulated separately to Councillors only).
- (6) Notes the Summary Minutes of the Hearing of Submissions Committee Meeting held on 14 March 2023 at **Appendix C** to this report.
- (7) Notes in late April 2023, officers will commence a form of deliberative engagement in relation to Council's 10-year Financial Plan in accordance with section 91 and the Council Plan in accordance with section 90(3) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.
- (8) ~~Approves the Mayor's attendance at the Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly 2023 being held in Canberra during the period 13 – 16 June 2023. The cost of the National General Assembly is \$895.~~
- (8) **Approves the attendance of Mayor Williams and Councillor/s McCarthy, Rennie and Newton at the Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly 2023 being held in Canberra during the period 13-16 June 2023. The cost of the National General Assembly per Councillor is \$895.**

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 23-051**

MOVED: Cr. S Rennie
SECONDED: Cr. S Newton

That Council:

- (1) Notes the Governance Report – April 2023.
- (2) Notes the Summary of Advisory Committees, Councillor Briefings and other Informal Meetings of Councillors at Appendix A to this report, for incorporation in the minutes of this meeting.
- (3) Notes that reports by Mayors and Councillors submitted prior to the meeting and circulated to Councillors, will be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.
- (4) Notes the FOI statistics for the period 1 July 2022 to 31 March 2023 in table shown below.
- (5) Notes the Confidential CEO Employment Matters Committee Minutes 27 February 2023 and 20 March 2023 (Appendix B circulated separately to Councillors only).
- (6) Notes the Summary Minutes of the Hearing of Submissions Committee Meeting held on 14 March 2023 at Appendix C to this report.
- (7) Notes in late April 2023, officers will commence a form of deliberative engagement in relation to Council's 10-year Financial Plan in accordance with section 91 and the Council Plan in accordance with section 90(3) of the Local Government Act 2020.
- (8) Approves the attendance of Mayor Williams and Councillor/s McCarthy, Rennie and Newton at the Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly 2023 being held in Canberra during the period 13-16 June 2023. The cost of the National General Assembly per Councillor is \$895.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS – 24 APRIL 2023**REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS, MAYOR**

Cr. Williams reported on her attendance at the following functions/activities

- 3 x Councillor Briefing sessions
- 4 x Councillor only meetings
- Monthly Council meeting
- Mayor, Deputy Mayor and CEO weekly meeting
- Mayor/Deputy Mayor catch up
- Introduction meeting: Evan Mulholland (Northern Metropolitan Member (LC), Liberal Party
- Media Briefing: Rezzadent
- Preston Lions President meeting
- Offspring Cafe meeting
- Northern Councils Alliance - Mayor and CEO Meeting

- AHAAC meeting
- Special Council Meeting
- M9 Mayors and CEOs Meeting - March 2023
- Mayor and CEO weekly meeting
- The Future of School Crossings
- Community Iftar
- Local Football President meeting
- Planning Committee Meeting
- NARC Site Walk
- MP Kat Theophanous
- Fiji-Australia International Tennis Tournament
- 4 x Citizenship Ceremony
- Fitzroy Stars 2023 Season Opening Launch Lunch
- Review of EAWF Adoption Model
- Councillor Workshop
- Meeting with Nathan Lambert MP
- Meeting with Ged Kearney MP
- 2 x John Nugent (local member)
- Local Government Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum Meeting No 26 - All members
- Arterial by Na Djinang Circus Opening Night Performance
- Darebin Funfair & Diversity Day

REPORT OF CR. SUSANNE NEWTON, DEPUTY MAYOR

Cr. Newton reported on her attendance at the following functions/activities:

- Attended opening night performance of Arterial by Na Djinang Circus
- Catch up with Mayor Williams
- Weekly Councillor meetings
- Councillor workshop on Council Plan
- Councillor briefings
- Planning Committee meeting
- Special Council meeting
- Williamson Leadership Program theme day on Privilege, including making Acknowledgement of Country

REPORT OF CR. EMILY DIMITRIADIS

Cr. Dimitriadis reported on her attendance at the following functions/activities:

- Attended Council briefings
- Attended Councillor-only meetings
- Attended Official Council meeting
- Attended Planning meeting
- Attended Special meeting
- Attended Darusalam Community Centre Ramadan Iftar 2023
- Attended Fairfield Primary School Fair
- Attended Easter Family Fun Day hosted by Fairfield Traders
- Attended Fairfield Hellenic Seniors and Careers Inc. Easter celebration
- Attended residents meeting in Thornbury regarding planning matter
- Attended Councillor budget workshop
- Attended meeting at Northcote Public Golf Course

REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO

Cr. Greco reported on his attendance at the following functions/activities:

- AHAAC meeting
- Weekly Councillor meetings
- councillor briefings
- Planning meeting
- Budget workshop

REPORT OF CR. LINA MESSINA

Cr. Messina reported on her attendance at the following functions/activities:

- Meeting with individual traders of Preston Market
- Meeting with residents of Mary st & Bruce St
- Discussions with residents of Bruce St re LXR.P.
- Catch up with Mayor Williams
- Councillor workshop on Council Plan
- Councillor briefings
- Special Council meeting
- Meeting with Mayor, CEO, Officers & Executive Kylie Bennetts, Presidents of Northern Bullants, Northcote City, Preston Lions
- Discussions with residents of William St
- Discussions with Local MP Nathan Lambert

- Meeting with Mayor, CEO, President of Preston Lions
- Meeting with Northern Bullants President re Preston City Oval
- Attendance Darebin Derby, Preston Lions vs Northcote City in attendance with MP Ged Kearney & Cr Tim Laurence

REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE

Cr. Laurence reported on his attendance at the following functions/activities:

- Iftar dinner Islamic Museum
- Fitzroy all-stars game vs Lalor Bloods
- Preston Lions vs Northcote city at BT Connor Reserve Reservoir
- Weekly Councillor meetings
- Weekly Councillor Briefing sessions
- Planning Committee meeting
- Meeting about Capital Works
- Council meeting

REPORT OF CR. SUSAN RENNIE

Cr. Rennie reported on her attendance at the following functions/activities:

- Council meeting
- Weekly Councillor catch ups
- Councillor workshop on Council Plan
- Councillor briefings
- Planning Committee meeting
- Special Council meeting
- NARC site walk
- Phone calls, emails and meetings with residents on local matters
- Meeting with Chair DAAC

REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY

Cr. McCarthy reported on his attendance at the following functions/activities:

- Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action Strategic Planning Workshop
- Special Council Meeting
- Weekly Councillor Meetings
- Councillor Briefings
- Climate Emergency Australia Executive Meetings
- Bell Street Bridge Hazard Area Action Planning Meetings

- Planning Committee Meeting
- NARC Construction Site Walk
- Councillor Budget Workshop
- Climate Emergency Australia Webinar for New and Returning Councils

REPORT OF CR. TOM HANNAN

Cr. Hannan reported on his attendance at the following functions/activities:

- Contact (phone / online) with residents about their concerns, e.g. LGBTQIA rights, roadworks, laneway access, storm water drainage
- Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre (NARC) site walk
- Darusalam Community Centre Ramadan Iftar
- Councillors budget workshop
- Councillor briefings
- Councillor only meetings
- Planning Committee meeting
- Council ordinary meeting
- Council special meeting

10. ITEMS TO BE TABLED

Nil

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

11.1 NOTICE OF AMENDMENT, ITEM 9.6 - NORTHCOTE PUBLIC GOLF COURSE (COUNCIL MEETING 27 MARCH 2023 MINUTE NO. 23-034)

Cr. Laurence declared a conflict of interest in relation to Item 11.1 Notice of Amendment, Item 9.6 Northcote Public Golf Course (Council Meeting 27 March 2023 Minute No. 23-034) due to a family residential amenity located in close proximity to the Northcote Golf Course.

7.16pm Cr. Laurence left the meeting.

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 24 April 2023, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

Amend the previous resolution of Item 9.6 – Northcote Public Golf Course that was decided at the Council meeting on the 27 March 2023 at 8:56pm with the following amended motion:

That Council:

- 1) *Notes the State Government's \$200,000 grant criteria and conditions for the Northcote Golf Course as confirmed by representatives at Sport & Recreation Victoria (SRV):*
 - a) *Designs for golf course/construction of new fairway, green and tees/decommission southern fairway (\$30,000);*
 - b) *Designs and due diligence of new eastern pedestrian and cycling pathway (from Warrk-Warrk Bridge to Normanby Avenue) (\$70,000);*
 - c) *Designs and due diligence of new northern park adjacent to Mayer Park (\$90,000); and*
 - d) *Designs and due diligence of improvements to the golf clubrooms to support community use (\$10,000).*
- 2) *Accepts the \$200,000 grant funding offered by the State Government and delegates to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise the negotiations with SRV and to execute the funding agreement.*
- 3) *Allocates the \$30,000 of the \$200,000 grant described in 1a above for a golf course masterplan/concept plan undertaken by a golf course architect to help inform any future investment in golf and non-golf improvements to the site.*
- 4) *Receives a report from officers when the masterplan/optimal layout plan is complete later in 2023 or in early 2024.*
- 5) *Notes that the grant is for design and due diligence work only and that completion of work following design is subject to funding being allocated by Council in future capital works budgets.*

- 6) *Notes that whilst the completion of a masterplan/concept plan for the 9 hole layout will be useful to inform future investment in golf and non-golf improvements to the site, further expenditure would be required to progress a revised 9 hole layout to “shovel ready status”. This would include consideration of staging, detailed design, documentation, procurement costs and a feasibility study to consider how to maximise private investment in the future redevelopment of the golf course.*
- 7) *Receives all the design and due diligence reports together (as described in points 1(a), (b), (c), (d) and point 3 above, as well as the report from officers in point 4), at the November 2023 Ordinary Council meeting. No spending, community consultation or works are to be undertaken at the Northcote Golf Course precinct until council receives all these reports.*

Rationale:

The resolution needs to be amended because council has not been adequately informed about this item, especially point 7 of the adopted resolution which states; “Works with Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation, Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee, local residents and other interested stakeholders to seek Council endorsement to begin a process to name the areas of open space at the Northcote Golf Course in Woi-wurrung language or after Woi-wurrung People, as per Council’s Place and Road Naming Policy and identified naming opportunities for 2023/24, as for consultation after endorsement on 28 November 2022”. Councillors did not have a briefing about this.

We are also particularly concerned about the breakdown of the State Government grant, in particular that only \$40,000 will be spent on golf, yet \$160,000 will be spent on designs for a pathway and park, which we believe does not support council’s decision for shared-use. Furthermore, we believe all councillors require more information about what specific works are occurring at the Northcote Golf Course Precinct both within this budget and the next few years and how much this will cost council. We note that in the report on Item 9.1 – Q2 Financial Report of this meeting, it states that “Northcote Golf Course works is \$204K less than budget” and we would also like to know how this will impact the project moving forward, given we have not been informed of this.

Notice Received: 30 March 2023

Notice Given to Councillors 30 March 2023

Date of Meeting: 24 April 2023

With leave of the Chairperson, Cr. Dimitriadis amended her Notice of Motion as follows:

Motion

MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis

SECONDED: Cr. G Greco

That Council:

- (1) Notes the State Government’s \$200,000 grant criteria and conditions for the Northcote Golf Course as confirmed by representatives at Sport & Recreation Victoria (SRV):
 - a) Designs for golf course/construction of new fairway, green and tees/decommission southern fairway (\$30,000);

- b) Designs and due diligence of new eastern pedestrian and cycling pathway (from Warrk-Warrk Bridge to Normanby Avenue) (\$70,000);
 - c) Designs and due diligence of new northern park adjacent to Mayer Park (\$90,000); and
 - d) Designs and due diligence of improvements to the golf clubrooms to support community use (\$10,000).
- (2) Accepts the \$200,000 grant funding offered by the State Government and delegates to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise the negotiations with SRV and to execute the funding agreement.
 - (3) Allocates the \$30,000 of the \$200,000 grant described in 1a above for a golf course masterplan/concept plan undertaken by a golf course architect to help inform any future investment in golf and non-golf improvements to the site.
 - (4) Receives a report from officers when the masterplan/optimal layout plan is complete later in 2023 ~~or in early 2024~~.
 - (5) Notes that the grant is for design and due diligence work only and that completion of work following design is subject to funding being allocated by Council in future capital works budgets.
 - (6) Notes that whilst the completion of a masterplan/concept plan for ~~the 9 hole~~ **a viable 9 hole golf course** layout will be useful to inform future investment in golf and non-golf improvements to the site, further expenditure would be required to progress are **revised viable 9 hole layout** to “shovel ready status”. This would include consideration of staging, detailed design, documentation, procurement costs and a feasibility study to consider how to maximise private investment in the future redevelopment of the golf course.
 - (7) Receives all the design and due diligence reports together (as described in points 1(a), (b), (c), (d) and point 3 above, as well as the report from officers in point 4), at the November 2023 Ordinary Council meeting. No spending, ~~community consultation~~ or works are to be undertaken at the Northcote Golf Course precinct until council receives all these reports, **with the exception of consultation required with stakeholders to inform the design of the concept plan and the 9 hole a viable 9 hole golf course layout plan and the design of other non-golf improvements to the site described in Part 1 above.**
 - (8) **Notes that the new share-use facilities may need to be named. If this is required, Council will work with the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation, the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee, local residents and other interested stakeholders to seek Council endorsement of a name, as per Council’s Place and Road Naming Policy, at an appropriate time in the future after the masterplan is complete.**

7.24pm – The meeting adjourned for a break to resolve technical issues.

7.25pm – Cr. Laurence returned to the Chamber during the break.

7.38pm – The Meeting resumed.

7.39pm – Cr. Laurence left the Meeting due to a conflict of interest in relation to Item 11.1 Notice of Amendment, Item 9.6 Northcote Public Golf Course (Council Meeting 27 March 2023 Minute No. 23-034) due to a family residential amenity located in close proximity to the Northcote Golf Course.

Cr. Dimitriadis and Cr. Greco made further amendments to points (6) and (7) of the motion shown below:

- (6) Notes that whilst the completion of a masterplan/concept plan for ~~the 9 hole~~ **a viable 9 hole golf course** layout will be useful to inform future investment in golf and non-golf improvements to the site, further expenditure would be required to progress ~~are the~~ **revised viable 9 hole golf course** layout to “shovel ready status”. This would include consideration of staging, detailed design, documentation, procurement costs and a feasibility study to consider how to maximise private investment in the future redevelopment of the golf course.
- (7) Receives all the design and due diligence reports together (as described in points 1(a), (b), (c), (d) and point 3 above, as well as the report from officers in point 4), at the November 2023 Ordinary Council meeting. **No capital improvement works on the eastern path or the northern park are to be undertaken at the Northcote Golf Course precinct until council receives all these reports.**

The amended motion as moved became the Council Resolution as follows:

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-052

MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis
SECONDED: Cr. G Greco

That Council:

- (1) Notes the State Government’s \$200,000 grant criteria and conditions for the Northcote Golf Course as confirmed by representatives at Sport & Recreation Victoria (SRV):
- Designs for golf course/construction of new fairway, green and tees/decommission southern fairway (\$30,000);
 - Designs and due diligence of new eastern pedestrian and cycling pathway (from Warrk-Warrk Bridge to Normanby Avenue) (\$70,000);
 - Designs and due diligence of new northern park adjacent to Mayer Park (\$90,000); and
 - Designs and due diligence of improvements to the golf clubrooms to support community use (\$10,000).
- (2) Accepts the \$200,000 grant funding offered by the State Government and delegates to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise the negotiations with SRV and to execute the funding agreement.
- (3) Allocates the \$30,000 of the \$200,000 grant described in 1a above for a golf course masterplan/concept plan undertaken by a golf course architect to help inform any future investment in golf and non-golf improvements to the site.
- (4) Receives a report from officers when the masterplan/optimal layout plan is complete later in 2023.
- (5) Notes that the grant is for design and due diligence work only and that completion of work following design is subject to funding being allocated by Council in future capital works budgets.
- (6) Notes that whilst the completion of a masterplan/concept plan for a viable 9 hole golf course layout will be useful to inform future investment in golf and non-golf improvements to the site, further expenditure would be required to progress the revised viable 9 hole golf course layout to “shovel ready status”. This would include consideration of staging, detailed design, documentation, procurement costs and a feasibility study to consider how to maximise private investment in the future redevelopment of the golf course.

- (7) Receives all the design and due diligence reports together (as described in points 1(a), (b), (c), (d) and point 3 above, as well as the report from officers in point 4), at the November 2023 Ordinary Council meeting. No capital improvement works on the eastern path or the northern park are to be undertaken at the Northcote Golf Course precinct until council receives all these reports.
- (8) Notes that the new share-use facilities may need to be named. If this is required, Council will work with the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation, the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee, local residents and other interested stakeholders to seek Council endorsement of a name, as per Council's Place and Road Naming Policy, at an appropriate time in the future after the masterplan is complete.

CARRIED

For: Cr's Dimitriadis, Messina, Greco and Williams (4)

Against: Cr's Hannan, Rennie, Newton and McCarthy (4)

The motion was carried on the casting vote of the Mayor.

11.2 MIGRATION MONUMENT, ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL ART INSTALLATION, BACKYARD HARVEST, MULTICULTURAL ORATION & HOMEMADE FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL

8.07pm – Cr. Laurence returned to the Meeting.

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 24 April 2023, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

- (1) *Notes the success of the Backyard Harvest & Homemade Food & Wine Festival prior to merging with the Fuse festival.*
- (2) *Notes that the Municipality has a vibrant thriving multicultural community that have generational sustainable cultural practices from the garden to the table.*
- (3) *Notes that there are Council Plan actions that profile and celebrate Darebin's migration history and contribution to the municipality, and that projects and initiatives need to be realised and completed in the current term.*
- (4) *Notes that Council Plan actions to deliver cultural diversity and social justice orations can be realised at the relocated Intercultural Centre located at 350 High Street Preston. The centre, that has been recently officially opened, is designed to support individuals and groups to come together, with programs that invite people to engage in the cultural life of our city, to share insights and encourage understanding.*
- (5) *Notes that Council has identified prior a public art commission project, the installation of a civic art work that elevates and celebrates the history of migration to the municipality, and that this project has not been delivered.*
- (6) *Refers for consideration to the budget process for 2023/2024 the following;*
 - a) *The Backyard Harvest Festival*
 - b) *The Homemade Food & Wine Festival*
 - c) *3)The Multicultural Civic Artworks that elevates & celebrates the story of Migration*
 - d) *An annual celebration of artworks that identifies elevates and celebrates our multicultural champions, either community groups or individuals. Via plaques, moving animation or external artworks that these become a place of destination*
 - e) *Annual Cultural diversity and social justice orations*

Rationale:

Darebin acknowledges the history and contributions of the various communities, migrants and refugees who have made the municipality their home. Their endeavors have enriched the economic, social, cultural, artistic, community and civic character of the city, and created a locality where variety and difference are welcomed and encouraged. This council agree to various council action plans that have not been delivered and ask this council to support their own commitment to multiculturalism.

Notice Received: 6 April 2023

Notice Given to Councillors 6 April 2023

Date of Meeting: 24 April 202

With leave of the Chairperson, Cr. Messina amended her Notice of Motion, with an additional point (4) to the motion as follows:

Motion

MOVED: Cr. L Messina

SECONDED: Cr. E Dimitriadis

That Council:

- (1) Notes the success of the Backyard Harvest & Homemade Food & Wine Festival prior to merging with the Fuse festival.
- (2) Notes that the Municipality has a vibrant thriving multicultural community that have generational sustainable cultural practices from the garden to the table.
- (3) Notes that there are Council Plan actions that profile and celebrate Darebin's migration history and contribution to the municipality, and that projects and initiatives need to be realised and completed in the current term.
- (4) **Refer to the 2023/24 Council Plan Action Plan considerations and draft 2023/24 Budget considerations an action and appropriate funding to install signposts in civic spaces that orient our culturally and linguistically diverse communities to the capital cities of their country of birth, aligned to the following Council Plan actions:**
 - a) **Action 1-12 to establish a Cultural Diversity Action Plan;**
 - b) **Action 2-18 on Community Safety Framework;**
 - c) **Action 2-22 to identify creative opportunities to reflect Darebin's different cultures in the built environment;**
 - d) **In support of action 1-45 to implement the Welcoming Cities standard, particularly 6.1. "Public spaces and facilities encourage community interaction, and facilitate diverse cultural expression and celebration".**
- (5) Notes that Council Plan actions to deliver cultural diversity and social justice orations can be realised at the relocated Intercultural Centre located at 350 High Street Preston. The centre, that has been recently officially opened, is designed to support individuals and groups to come together, with programs that invite people to engage in the cultural life of our city, to share insights and encourage understanding.
- (6) Notes that Council has identified prior a public art commission project, the installation of a civic art work that elevates and celebrates the history of migration to the municipality, and that this project has not been delivered.
- (7) Refers for consideration to the budget process for 2023/2024 the following;
 - a) The Backyard Harvest Festival
 - b) The Homemade Food & Wine Festival
 - c) The Multicultural Civic Artworks that elevates & celebrates the story of Migration

- d) An annual celebration of artworks that identifies elevates and celebrates our multicultural champions, either community groups or individuals. Via plaques, moving animation or external artworks that these become a place of destination
- e) Annual Cultural diversity and social justice orations

The amended motion as moved became the Council Resolution as follows:

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-053

MOVED: Cr. L Messina
SECONDED: Cr. E Dimitriadis

That Council:

- (1) Notes the success of the Backyard Harvest & Homemade Food & Wine Festival prior to merging with the Fuse festival.
- (2) Notes that the Municipality has a vibrant thriving multicultural community that have generational sustainable cultural practices from the garden to the table.
- (3) Notes that there are Council Plan actions that profile and celebrate Darebin's migration history and contribution to the municipality, and that projects and initiatives need to be realised and completed in the current term.
- (4) Refer to the 2023/24 Council Plan Action Plan considerations and draft 2023/24 Budget considerations an action and appropriate funding to install signposts in civic spaces that orient our culturally and linguistically diverse communities to the capital cities of their country of birth, aligned to the following Council Plan actions:
 - a) Action 1-12 to establish a Cultural Diversity Action Plan;
 - b) Action 2-18 on Community Safety Framework;
 - c) Action 2-22 to identify creative opportunities to reflect Darebin's different cultures in the built environment;
 - d) In support of action 1-45 to implement the Welcoming Cities standard, particularly 6.1. "Public spaces and facilities encourage community interaction, and facilitate diverse cultural expression and celebration".
- (5) Notes that Council Plan actions to deliver cultural diversity and social justice orations can be realised at the relocated Intercultural Centre located at 350 High Street Preston. The centre, that has been recently officially opened, is designed to support individuals and groups to come together, with programs that invite people to engage in the cultural life of our city, to share insights and encourage understanding.
- (6) Notes that Council has identified prior a public art commission project, the installation of a civic art work that elevates and celebrates the history of migration to the municipality, and that this project has not been delivered.
- (7) Refers for consideration to the budget process for 2023/2024 the following;
 - a) The Backyard Harvest Festival.
 - b) The Homemade Food & Wine Festival.
 - c) The Multicultural Civic Artworks that elevates & celebrates the story of Migration.
 - d) An annual celebration of artworks that identifies elevates and celebrates our multicultural champions, either community groups or individuals. Via plaques, moving animation or external artworks that these become a place of destination.
 - e) Annual Cultural diversity and social justice orations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.3 PRESTON MARKET

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 24 April 2023, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

- (1) *Notes that on the 3 April 2023 the Minister for Planning announced:*
 - a) *That new planning controls, including a Heritage Overlay, will now be introduced to protect Preston Market's heritage and put beyond any doubt the importance of the market to the community.*
- (2) *Notes that the VPA Standing Advisory Committee Report dated on 16 December 2022:*
 - a) *Recognised the heritage significance of the whole market extent, and has recommended that the heritage controls reflect this, including that the heritage design guidelines emphasise the substantial retention of the market as a starting point.*
 - b) *Recommended that the VPA's structure plan and framework plan is reviewed and updated to reflect substantial retention of the market.*
 - c) *Supports a large central open space and recommends amending the public open space quantum provision in land to a minimum of 7 per cent or adjusted to reflect the final version of the Framework Plan.*
 - d) *Supports further work on ESD controls, such as how the Structure Plan can support the precinct to become a renewable energy hub and one that delivers a zero carbon energy network.*
 - e) *Found that the mid-rise approach building height is appropriate, considering that a potential yield of 1,200 dwellings is a balanced outcome and makes a significant contribution to housing provision within Preston and the City of Darebin.*
- (3) *Notes that contrary to the developer's statements, the VPA Standing Advisory Committee did not find that the market would have to be closed during construction. It recommends a staging/continuity plan to manage temporary development impacts to minimise trader disruption.*
- (4) *Notes that Council's construction and staging expert demonstrated how Council's plan (market retention with surrounding development) could be staged to ensure ongoing operation of the market.*
- (5) *Thanks Darebin officers and the community for their tireless work and dedication to protect the Preston Market over many years.*
- (6) *Write to the Minister for Planning, stating that Council would welcome the opportunity to meet with her.*
- (7) *Write to local and Upper House MPs, asking them to unequivocally back the heritage recommendations of the VPA Standing Advisory Committee Report dated on 16 December 2022.*
- (8) *Calls for a report that outlines options for supporting Preston Market Traders, including advocacy.*

Rationale:

- Council needs to thank the community for mobilising to project the Preston Market.
- While the Minister has issued a very positive statement stating her intent to protect Preston Market's heritage and put beyond any doubt the importance of the market to the community, Council needs to continue to strongly encourage the Minister to remain as coherent and consistent in her commitment.
- The developer has made comments indicating that there is no choice but to close the market for 12 to 24 months during construction. Council needs to continue to elevate its own expert advice that construction can be staged to support trading.
- Market traders are feeling disconnected and need support to ensure they are part of the process, and to ensure trade continues through construction.

Notice Received: 6 April 2023

Notice Given to Councillors 6 April 2023

Date of Meeting: 24 April 2023

With leave of the Chairperson, Cr. Greco amended his Notice of Motion as follows:

Motion

MOVED: Cr. G Greco
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- (1) Notes that on the 3 April 2023 the Minister for Planning announced:
 - a) That new planning controls, including a Heritage Overlay, will now be introduced to protect Preston Market's heritage and put beyond any doubt the importance of the market to the community.
- (2) Notes that the VPA Standing Advisory Committee Report dated on 16 December 2022:
 - a) Recognised the heritage significance of the whole market extent, and has recommended that the heritage controls reflect this, including that the heritage design guidelines emphasise the substantial retention of the market as a starting point.
 - b) Recommended that the VPA's structure plan and framework plan is reviewed and updated to reflect substantial retention of the market.
 - c) Supports a large central open space and recommends amending the public open space quantum provision in land to a minimum of 7 per cent or adjusted to reflect the final version of the Framework Plan.
 - d) Supports further work on ESD controls, such as how the Structure Plan can support the precinct to become a renewable energy hub and one that delivers a zero carbon energy network.
 - e) Found that the mid-rise approach building height is appropriate, considering that a potential yield of 1,200 dwellings is a balanced outcome and makes a significant contribution to housing provision within Preston and the City of Darebin.

- (3) Notes that contrary to the developer's statements, the VPA Standing Advisory Committee did not find that the market would have to be closed during construction. It recommends a staging/continuity plan to manage temporary development impacts to minimise trader disruption.
- (4) Notes that Council's construction and staging expert demonstrated how Council's plan (market retention with surrounding development) could be staged to ensure ongoing operation of the market.
- (5) Thanks **Save the Preston Market Action Group, DADA, Stall holders/Traders, community volunteers and Darebin Council Officers** and the community for their tireless work and dedication to protect the Preston Market over many years.
- (6) Writes to the Minister for Planning: ~~stating that Council would welcome the opportunity to meet with her.~~
 - a) **Welcoming the release of the SAC report and recommendations and the Minister's positive public statement about preserving the Preston Market's history for future generations to enjoy and that preserving the market is a priority.**
 - b) **Requesting that the Minister's introduction of a planning scheme amendment in the coming months faithfully implements the SAC's recommended planning controls, including a heritage overlay to put the beyond any doubt the importance of the market to the community.**
 - c) Seeking the opportunity to meet **before the planning scheme amendment is finalised.**
- (7) Write to local and Upper House MPs, **asking requesting** them to unequivocally and **publicly** back the **implementation of the planning controls** and heritage recommendations of the VPA Standing Advisory Committee Report dated on 16 December 2022.
- (8) **Writes to the individual Preston Market Stall holders and Traders outlining the key recommendations of the SAC's of the report and** calls for a report that outlines options for **Council to support supporting** Preston Market **Stall holders and Traders**, including advocacy.
- (9) **Writes to the owners of the Market requesting that they accept the finding of the independent SAC report, and commits to providing long-term certainty of tenure to the traders.**
- (10) **Contacts the Save the Preston Market Action Group in reference to further cooperation regarding their proposed Public Meeting On Preston Market scheduled for 12th May 2023 and requests Council officers meet with the Save Preston Market Action Group ahead of their 12 May meeting to discuss the implementation of the Standing Advisory Committee Report.**

The amended motion as moved became the Council Resolution as follows:

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-054

MOVED: Cr. G Greco
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

- (1) Notes that on the 3 April 2023 the Minister for Planning announced:
 - a) That new planning controls, including a Heritage Overlay, will now be introduced to protect Preston Market's heritage and put beyond any doubt the importance of the market to the community.

- (2) Notes that the VPA Standing Advisory Committee Report dated on 16 December 2022:
 - a) Recognised the heritage significance of the whole market extent, and has recommended that the heritage controls reflect this, including that the heritage design guidelines emphasise the substantial retention of the market as a starting point.
 - b) Recommended that the VPA's structure plan and framework plan is reviewed and updated to reflect substantial retention of the market.
 - c) Supports a large central open space and recommends amending the public open space quantum provision in land to a minimum of 7 per cent or adjusted to reflect the final version of the Framework Plan.
 - d) Supports further work on ESD controls, such as how the Structure Plan can support the precinct to become a renewable energy hub and one that delivers a zero carbon energy network.
 - e) Found that the mid-rise approach building height is appropriate, considering that a potential yield of 1,200 dwellings is a balanced outcome and makes a significant contribution to housing provision within Preston and the City of Darebin.
 - (3) Notes that contrary to the developer's statements, the VPA Standing Advisory Committee did not find that the market would have to be closed during construction. It recommends a staging/continuity plan to manage temporary development impacts to minimise trader disruption.
 - (4) Notes that Council's construction and staging expert demonstrated how Council's plan (market retention with surrounding development) could be staged to ensure ongoing operation of the market
 - (5) Thanks Save the Preston Market Action Group, DADA, Stall holders/Traders, community volunteers and Darebin Council Officers and the community for their tireless work and dedication to protect the Preston Market over many years.
 - (6) Writes to the Minister for Planning:
 - a) Welcoming the release of the SAC report and recommendations and the Minister's positive public statement about preserving the Preston Market's history for future generations to enjoy and that preserving the market is a priority.
 - b) Requesting that the Minister's introduction of a planning scheme amendment in the coming months faithfully implements the SAC's recommended planning controls, including a heritage overlay to put the beyond any doubt the importance of the market to the community.
 - c) Seeking the opportunity to meet before the planning scheme amendment is finalised.
 - (7) Write to local and Upper House MPs, asking requesting them to unequivocally and publicly back the implementation of the planning controls and heritage recommendations of the VPA Standing Advisory Committee Report dated on 16 December 2022.
 - (8) Writes to the individual Preston Market Stall holders and Traders outlining the key recommendations of the SAC's of the report and calls for a report that outlines options for Council to support supporting Preston Market Stall holders and Traders, including advocacy.
 - (9) Writes to the owners of the Market requesting that they accept the finding of the independent SAC report, and commits to providing long-term certainty of tenure to the traders.
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- (10) Contacts the Save the Preston Market Action Group in reference to further cooperation regarding their proposed Public Meeting On Preston Market scheduled for 12th May 2023 and requests Council officers meet with the Save Preston Market Action Group ahead of their 12 May meeting to discuss the implementation of the Standing Advisory Committee Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.25pm - Cr. Dimitriadis left the meeting.

8.33pm - Cr. Dimitriadis returned to the meeting.

11.4 PRESTON MARKET STAGING AND BUSINESS CONTINUITY

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 24 April 2023, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

- (1) *Notes that on the 3 April 2023 the Minister for Planning announced:
 - a) *That new planning controls, including a Heritage Overlay, will now be introduced to protect Preston Market's heritage and put beyond any doubt the importance of the market to the community.**
- (2) *Notes that contrary to the developer's statements, the VPA Standing Advisory Committee did not find that the market would have to be closed during construction. It recommends a staging/continuity plan to manage temporary development impacts to minimise trader disruption.*
- (3) *Notes that Council's construction and staging expert demonstrated how Council's plan (market retention with surrounding development) could be staged to ensure ongoing operation of the market.*
- (4) *Calls for a report that outlines options for supporting Preston Market Traders, including advocacy and convening a committee.*
- (5) *Writes to the Minister for Planning for Salta to provide a Market Business Continuity Plan, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.*

Rationale:

The Minister has issued a very positive statement stating her intent to protect Preston Market's heritage, Council has undertaken professional advice that the Market can trade during construction however the developer has publicly made comments that there is no choice but to close the market for 12 to 24 months during construction. Council need to continue to elevate its own expert advice that construction can be staged to support the traders. Market traders are feeling disconnected and need support to ensure they are a part of the process and to ensure trade continues through construction.

Notice Received: 6 April 2023

Notice Given to Councillors 6 April 2023

Date of Meeting: 24 April 2023

With leave of the Chairperson, Cr. Messina amended her Notice of Motion as follows:

Motion

MOVED: Cr. L Messina
SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That Council:

- ~~(1) Notes that on the 3 April 2023 the Minister for Planning announced:
 - a) ~~That new planning controls, including a Heritage Overlay, will now be introduced to protect Preston Market's heritage and put beyond any doubt the importance of the market to the community.~~~~
 - ~~(2) Notes that contrary to the developer's statements, the VPA Standing Advisory Committee did not find that the market would have to be closed during construction. It recommends a staging/continuity plan to manage temporary development impacts to minimise trader disruption.~~
 - ~~(3) Notes that Council's construction and staging expert demonstrated how Council's plan (market retention with surrounding development) could be staged to ensure ongoing operation of the market.~~
 - ~~(4) Calls for a report that outlines options for supporting Preston Market Traders, including advocacy and convening a committee.~~
 - ~~(5) Writes to the Minister for Planning for Salta to provide a Market Business Continuity Plan, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.~~
- 1) Notes points 1, 3 and 4 of Item 11.3 - Preston Market.**
 - 2) Calls for a report by June 2023 that outlines options for supporting Preston Market Traders, including advocacy and convening a committee that would invite traders, a representative from Salta and Councillor/s and staff.**
 - 3) Writes to the Minister for Planning for Salta to provide a Market Business Continuity Plan, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.**

The amended motion as moved became the Council Resolution as follows:

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-055

MOVED: Cr. L Messina
SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That Council:

- 1) Notes points 1, 3 and 4 of Item 11.3 - Preston Market
- 2) Calls for a report by June 2023 that outlines options for supporting Preston Market Traders, including advocacy and convening a committee that would invite traders, a representative from Salta and Councillor/s and staff.
- 3) Writes to the Minister for Planning for Salta to provide a Market Business Continuity Plan, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.5 STARTING THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING A NEW RLC

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 24 April 2023, it is my intention to move:

That Council refers to the 2023/24 budget deliberation process funding for the scoping of the redevelopment and rebuilding of the RLC.

Rationale

This should be included as a way of starting the process of establishing a new RLC.

Notice Received: 10 April 2023

Notice Given to Councillors 10 April 2023

Date of Meeting: 24 April 2023

With leave of the Chairperson, Cr. Greco amended his Notice of Motion as follows:

Motion

MOVED: Cr. G Greco
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

~~That Council refers to the 2023/24 budget deliberation process funding for the scoping of the redevelopment and rebuilding of the RLC.~~

- (1) Notes that Reservoir is one of the biggest suburbs in Melbourne with over 55,000 residents and is expected to grow further in the future.**
- (2) Notes that while the Reservoir Leisure Centre continues to fulfil an important community function it is in need of a major redevelopment because it has almost reached its use by date and will no longer be fit for purpose and proving costly to maintain.**
- (3) Refers to the 2023/24 budget deliberation process for inclusion of specific funding for commencing a scoping project with broad community consultation for the redevelopment and rebuilding of the RLC, similar to the process undertake for the rebuilding of the Northcote Aquatic Centre which is now almost complete.**

Cr. McCarthy proposed a further amendment to Point (3) to include the words “/or”

- 3) Refers to the 2023/24 budget deliberation process for inclusion of specific funding for commencing a scoping project with broad community consultation for the redevelopment and/or rebuilding of the RLC, similar to the process undertake for the rebuilding of the Northcote Aquatic Centre which is now almost complete.

The amendment was not accepted by the mover and seconder.

Amendment

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. S Newton

- (1) Notes that Reservoir is one of the biggest suburbs in Melbourne with over 55,000 residents and is expected to grow further in the future.
- (2) Notes that while the Reservoir Leisure Centre continues to fulfil an important community function it is in need of a major redevelopment because it has almost reached its use by date and will no longer be fit for purpose and proving costly to maintain.
- (3) Refers to the 2023/24 budget deliberation process for inclusion of specific funding for commencing a scoping project with broad community consultation for the redevelopment and/or rebuilding of the RLC, similar to the process undertake for the rebuilding of the Northcote Aquatic Centre which is now almost complete.

LOST

For: Cr's Hannan, Newton and McCarthy (3)

Against: Cr's Dimitriadis, Rennie, Laurence, Messina, Greco and Williams (6)

Procedural Motion

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence
SECONDED: Cr. G Greco

8.58pm - That Council extend the meeting by 30minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The substantive motion was put and became the Council Resolution as follows:

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 23-056**

MOVED: Cr. G Greco
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

- (1) Notes that Reservoir is one of the biggest suburbs in Melbourne with over 55,000 residents and is expected to grow further in the future.
- (2) Notes that while the Reservoir Leisure Centre continues to fulfil an important community function it is in need of a major redevelopment because it has almost reached its use by date and will no longer be fit for purpose and proving costly to maintain.
- (3) Refers to the 2023/24 budget deliberation process for inclusion of specific funding for commencing a scoping project with broad community consultation for the redevelopment and rebuilding of the RLC, similar to the process undertake for the rebuilding of the Northcote Aquatic Centre which is now almost complete.

CARRIED

For: Cr's Dimitriadis, Hannan, Laurence, Messina, Greco and Williams (6)

Against: Cr's Rennie and McCarthy (2)

Abstained: Cr. Newton

11.6 VOICE TO PARLIAMENT

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 24 April 2023, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

- (1) Notes Council's 2019 Statement of Commitment to Traditional Owners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people which "proudly embodies the Uluru Statement from the heart (2017)" and states that:
 - a) Council acknowledges the powerful call contained in the Uluru Statement from the heart and its aspirations for justice, truth-telling, Makarrata (agreement-making) and a voice.
 - b) Council hears this call and will continue to seek guidance from Traditional Owners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities on, and respect their leadership towards, self determination (as per the recommendations of United Nations Declaration on the rights of Indigenous people) and toward]s a fairer Australian society, and at our own, local level, a fairer Darebin.
- (2) Notes that later in 2023, Australians will have their say in a referendum to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Constitution through an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice.
- (3) Notes the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria (which is the independent and democratically elected body that represents Traditional Owners of Country and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Victoria) has voted to support a First Nations Voice to Parliament.
- (4) Notes that various Victorian Councils (such as the City of Melbourne and Moonee Valley councils) have passed motions in support of the Voice to Parliament.
- (5) Following cultural protocols and upholding Aboriginal cultural rights as per the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities, seek advice and views from the First People's Assembly of Victoria, the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee and the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation on this matter.
- (6) Receives a report at the June Council meeting on options from the First People's Assembly of Victoria, the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee and the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation on how to support and promote the upcoming Voice to Parliament referendum.

Rationale:

In 2019 Council co-developed and signed with the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee and the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation, The [Statement of Commitment to Traditional Owners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander people](#), which embodies the Uluru Statement from the heart and acknowledges the powerful call contained in the Uluru Statement from the heart and its aspirations for justice, truth-telling, Makarrata (agreement-making) and a voice.

Later this year, the Federal Government has announced they will be honouring their commitment to fully implementing the Uluru Statement from the heart by holding a referendum to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Constitution through an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice.

Council recognises that the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria (which is the independent and democratically elected body that represents Traditional Owners of Country and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Victoria) have voted to support the Voice to Parliament. In addition, Victorian councils have also voted in support of the Voice and have already begun advocacy within their communities.

After receiving advice from the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria, the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee and the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation in June, Council can choose how to proceed on this matter.

Notice Received: 10 April 2023

Notice Given to Councillors 10 April 2023

Date of Meeting: 24 April 2023

Prior to the Notice of Motion being moved, the Mayor made the following statement on behalf of the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee:

'Over the last two decades, the Aboriginal members of the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee, have been providing advice and recommendations to Council on matters effecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island communities in Darebin.

We have provided a positive direction to Council on a range of cultural matters ranging from working with Traditional Owners, January 26, and a response to Our Black Lives Matter, festivals, events, Aboriginal employment, citizenship ceremonies, community awards plus a host of other sound advice.

To this, we have always acted with integrity, respect and due diligence with the Aboriginal and non-aboriginal communities in mind, we have shaped policy, procedures and practice in Darebin.

In 2019, Council co-developed and signed with Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee and the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Heritage Aboriginal Corporation, the Statement of Commitment to Traditional Owners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

In many ways, our work has modelled what a voice to Parliament could be. To this, DAAC has provided informal and formal advise on the Voice to Parliament referendum - we have asked Council to please be patient.

We urge Council to respect our leadership towards self-determination, as outlined in Council's own Statement of Commitment.

Tonight's Notice of Motion has not been raised through the agreed process of tabling items such as this at a meeting with Aboriginal Members of DAAC. Therefore this motion cannot be supported by the Aboriginal Members of the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee as it falls outside of Council's own Terms of Reference of the Advisory Committee and Council's own Statement of Commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people' to self-determination.

The question is - who sets the agenda on aboriginal matters? This motion is unnecessary, unwelcomed and uninvited. Nothing about us, without us.'

Motion

MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- (1) Notes Council's 2019 Statement of Commitment to Traditional Owners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people which "proudly embodies the Uluru Statement from the heart (2017)" and states that:
 - a) Council acknowledges the powerful call contained in the Uluru Statement from the heart and its aspirations for justice, truth-telling, Makarrata (agreement-making) and a voice.
 - b) Council hears this call and will continue to seek guidance from Traditional Owners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities on, and respect their leadership towards, self-determination (as per the recommendations of United Nations Declaration on the rights of Indigenous people) and toward]s a fairer Australian society, and at our own, local level, a fairer Darebin.
- (2) Notes that later in 2023, Australians will have their say in a referendum to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Constitution through an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice.
- (3) Notes the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria (which is the independent and democratically elected body that represents Traditional Owners of Country and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Victoria) has voted to support a First Nations Voice to Parliament.
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- (5) Following cultural protocols and upholding Aboriginal cultural rights as per the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities, seek advice and views from the First People's Assembly of Victoria, the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee and the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation on this matter.
- (6) Receives a report at the June Council meeting on options from the First People's Assembly of Victoria, the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee and the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation on how to support and promote the upcoming Voice to Parliament referendum.

PROCEDURAL MOTION TO DEFER ITEM OF BUSINESS**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 23-057**

MOVED: Cr. L Messina
SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That consideration of Item 11.6 – Voice to Parliament be deferred to the 28 August 2023 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

For: Cr's Hannan, Rennie, Newton, McCarthy, Laurence, Messina, Greco and Williams (8)
Abstained: Cr. Dimitriadis

12. URGENT BUSINESS

12.1 PARKING MANAGEMENT OPERATING PROCEDURES

The Mayor advised that since the distribution of the agenda, the Acting Chief Executive Officer had determined that an Item of Urgent Business – Parking Management Operating Procedures was required to be determined by Council pursuant to Section 8.1(3)(g) of the Governance Rules.

The Manager Corporate Governance advised that the item was laid on the table as a procedural motion at the Council Meeting held on 27 March 2023. A procedural motion under the Governance Rules states if an item is laid on the table it must be referred to the next Council Meeting. Officers have provided information that the report is not ready and requires further discussion with Councillors. An urgent motion is required, seeking that this item go to a Briefing on the 1st May and be brought back to the May Council Meeting.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-058

MOVED: Cr. S Rennie
SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy

That Council:

- (1) Note that at the March Council meeting Item 9.4 Parking Management Operating Procedures was laid on the table until the next Council Meeting, 24 April 2023.
- (2) Refers the Parking Management Operating Procedures for further discussion at a Councillor briefing session scheduled for 1 May 2023.
- (3) Note a report on the Parking Management Operating Procedures will come back to Council at its scheduled meeting on 22 May 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

Nil

14. CLOSE OF MEETING


The meeting closed at 9.26pm.

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