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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 20 April 2015

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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT DAREBIN CIVIC CENTRE,
350 HIGH ST, PRESTON ON MONDAY 20 APRIL 2015**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 7.18 PM

1. PRESENT

Councillors

Cr. Steven Tsitas (Mayor) (Chairperson)
Cr. Vince Fontana
Cr. Gaetano Greco
Cr. Tim Laurence
Cr. Bo Li
Cr. Trent McCarthy
Cr. Angela Villella
Cr. Oliver Walsh (Deputy Mayor)
Cr. Julie Williams

Council Officers

Rasiah Dev – Chief Executive
Tiffany White – Acting Director Corporate and Planning Services
Sally Jones – Acting Director Culture, Leisure and Works
Katrina Knox – Director Community Development
Steve Hamilton – Director Assets and Business Services
Darren Rudd – Manager City Development
Lauren Close – Acting Manager Corporate Governance
Yvonne Rust – Town Planner
Dave Bell – Senior Media Advisor
Katia Croce – Coordinator Council Business
Jody Brodribb – Council Business and Governance Officer

2. APOLOGIES

Nil

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Li disclosed a conflict of interest in Item 9.3 (Moving to Full and Open Disclosure on Benefits from Council Owned or Linked Organisations) and Item 9.4 (Ban on Sponsored Overseas Trips) and declared an 'interest' in Item 8.8 (Café Voucher Pilot Program).

Cr Walsh disclosed a conflict of interest in Item 9.3 (Moving to Full and Open Disclosure on Benefits from Council Owned or Linked Organisations).

Cr Villella disclosed a conflict of interest in Item 8.2 (Preston Market Planning Controls).

Cr McCarthy declared an 'interest' in Item 8.3 (Northland Urban Renewal Precinct – Relationship to the Corridor Amendments C136 and C137) and Item 9.3 (Moving to Full and Open Disclosure on Benefits from Council Owned or Linked Organisations).

Cr Greco disclosed a conflict of interest in Item 9.3 (Moving to Full and Open Disclosure on Benefits from Council Owned or Linked Organisations) and Item 9.4 (Ban on Sponsored Overseas Trips).

Cr Laurence disclosed a conflict of interest in Item 12.9 (Singh Sabha Sports Club Proposal regarding Reduced Financial Contribution to J.C. Donath West Pavilion Redevelopment).

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. V. Fontana
SECONDED: Cr. B. Li

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meetings of Council held on 2 March 2015 and the undisposed items from 2 March 2015 meeting held on 16 March 2015 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. V. Fontana
SECONDED: Cr. J. Williams

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting on the 8 April 2015 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED

5. REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

MINUTE NO. 178

5.1 REPORT OF CR. BO LI

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

- Darebin community health harmony day event
- Meeting with Northern Melbourne Medicare Local
- Planning committee meeting
- Councillor briefing
- Junction Urban Master Plan community consultation
- Budget meeting
- Bell Primary School end of term assembly
- Opening of Preston Garden Club autumn show
- Harold St street party
- Lewis St street party
- Councillor workshop on Amendments C136 and 137
- Special council meeting
- VLGA governance by design panel meeting
- Government briefing with MPs
- Good Day Rentals and Melbourne Art Club opening night
- Preston Cricket Club award presentation night
- Planning committee meeting
- Councillor briefing
- Budgeting meeting
- Regional Kitchens board meeting
- Opening of True North Arts Festival
- Opening of the Northern Centre for Health Education and Research

5.2 REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY

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

- Council Budget Briefings on 21 and 26 March and 15 April 2015
- Planning Committee Meetings on 23 March and 13 April 2015
- Councillor Briefings on 23 March and 13 April 2015
- Councillor Workshop on Amendments C136 and C137
- Special Council Meeting on 8 April 2015
- Government Briefing

- Meeting with resident regarding social impact investment in Darebin
- Meeting regarding Council actions on climate change
- Meeting regarding Public Transport Not Traffic campaign
- Various issues on behalf of residents and traders
- Table a petition from residents of Westfield and Albert Streets, Northcote

TABLING OF PETITION

MINUTE NO. 179

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. T. Laurence

THAT the petition '*Council consider its position in relation to an enforcement of a parking matter at 9 Westfield Street, Northcote*' be accepted and a report received as soon as possible.

CARRIED

5.3 REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS

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

- Pre Planning Committee briefing
- Planning Committee meeting 23 March and 13 April 2015
- Council Briefing Session 23 March and 13 April 2015
- Darebin Child Friendly City Advisory Committee meeting
- Northern Blues Night
- Budget Briefing Sessions 21 and 26 March and 15 April 2015
- Councillor Workshop regarding C136 and C137
- Preston Business Advisory Committee
- Special Council Meeting
- Government Briefing with State and Federal Members of Parliament
- Northern Women's Round Table Update
- True North Arts Festival
- NO Passport Required Performances by Multi-instrumental group
- Mens shed for under 50's
- Attended funeral of John Valls from the Preston Market

5.4 REPORT OF CR. VINCE FONTANA

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

- North Metro Cricket Association Jika Shield Grand Final
- Budget Briefing Session 21 and 26 March and 15 April 2015
- North Metro Cricket Association Young Shield Grand Final
- Planning Committee meeting 23 March and 13 April 2015
- Council Briefing Session 23 March and 13 April 2015
- Northern Blues (VFL) Community Business Network Event
- PBAC Farewell Event For Former Member Fred Clews
- Planning Information Workshop for C136 and C 137 Amendments
- Council Special meeting 8 April 2015
- Parliamentarian Governance Briefing Session
- Preston CC Annual Presentation Night
- Night Match At Bill Lawry Oval Between Northcote Park and West Preston Lakeside
- Unfurling Of The Flag Event For The Northern Blues (VAFA) at Ruthven Reserve
- West Preston Football Club 'A Day In The Field' Launch
- Northcote Junior Football Club Season Open Round
- Preston Junior Bullants Season Launch

Cr. Fontana acknowledged the 100th Anniversary of ANZAC Day.

5.5 REPORT OF CR. OLIVER WALSH

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

- Darebin Bowls Club event with kids from local special schools
- Met with Ho. David Davis, shadow Minister for Local Government
- Met with Station St traders including owners of Fairfield Books after car accident
- Parliamentarians briefing
- St Joseph's Primary school, fete
- Northcote Park Football Club dinner
- South Asian Business council cricket dinner at Thornbury theatre
- Local Government forums
- Liberal Party State Council
- Women in Business lunch
- Metropolitan Transport Forum (MTF)
- MTF executive meeting
- Planning Committee

- Council briefing
- Italian Easter Lunch
- Budget briefings
- Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) regional forum and dinner
- Citizenship ceremony
- INGT board meeting
- Participatory budgeting info session
- Preston Probus Club birthday celebration
- Various constituent issues

Cr. Walsh also acknowledged the 100th Anniversary of ANZAC Day.

5.6 REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE

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

- Council Budget Briefings
- Council Briefing Sessions
- Planning Committee meetings
- MAV metro council's regional meeting
- Consultation with residents in Massey Avenue Reservoir on traffic issues
- MAV metropolitan Mayor, CEO's, and MAV reps dinner
- Consultation with Central region MAV rep on Darebin region housing and planning issues
- Funeral of Dr Alf Bamblett
- Consultation with Wyndham Councillors and users re Wyndham's new multi-use leisure project \$50 million and visit to the soon to be expanded indoor and outdoor badminton/basketball/netball/tennis facility
- Visited new regional community facilities in Knox
- Local State and Federal MPs Briefing Session at North East Darebin Community Hub
- Consultation with Reservoir and Preston residents regarding planning applications
- Consultation with Darebin residents regarding upcoming planning scheme amendments
- St Albans Sports Club community day in Brimbank Council area
- Met with Basketball coach of NESB girls basketball team currently training at Plenty Rd Stadium
- Nepalese Cricket tournament at Blake Reserve
- Visited the Fresh Food Market in Adelaide for a site inspection
- Visited joint Council and School outdoor and indoor multi-use court projects (tennis/netball/basketball/handball/volleyball) in Adelaide
- Blackburn Gurdwara on Vaisakhi Day.

- Consultation with home owner regarding rezoning issue in Merrilands estate
- Consultation with manufacturing business owner regarding poor internet connection along Plenty Rd
- Consultation with residents in Storey Rd regarding planning
- Consultation with residents in Reservoir regarding planned road closure
- Consultation with residents in Preston and Reservoir regarding concerns with open space projects
- Consultation with residents regarding traffic concerns

5.7 REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO

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

- Pre-Planning Briefing
- Planning Committee meeting
- Councillor Briefing Session
- Budget Briefing
- Presenter on Participatory Budgeting at the Rural Council Summit 2015
- Opening of a True North Arts Festival
- Attended to resident's concerns as follows:
 - Planning
 - Bus shelters
 - Traffic management
 - Aged care services

5.8 REPORT OF CR. ANGELA VILLELLA

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

- Councillor Budget meetings
- Councillor Planning discussions
- Councillor Briefings
- Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity Advisory Committee meeting
- Government briefing with state, federal members of parliament
- Special Council meeting
- Meetings with officers to discuss 1. food voucher program and 2. tree planting in Reservoir including Cheddar Road (all relating to general business items)
- Meeting with CEO, Mayor and Officer to discuss advancing possibility of funding for refurbishment of old police station for an intercultural hub
- Meeting with Cr Julie Williams and officers to discuss Northern Women's Round Table
- Discussions with residents regarding local laws, traffic issues and community safety.

5.9 REPORT OF CR. STEVEN TSITAS, MAYOR

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

- Council Meeting
- Planning Committee meeting
- Council Briefing Sessions
- Special Council meeting
- Catch Up with Chief Executive Officer
- Press Briefings
- Victoria University
- Interfaith Breakfast Seminar
- Australian Greek Ex-Servicemen's Association Anniversary of the 25 March 1821 Remembrance Day
- Councillor Budget Briefing and Meetings
- Holy Name School Visit
- Meeting with Shadow Minister for Local Government and Planning – David Davis MP
- National Day of Greece Reception
- Celebration of the Greek National Day
- Councillor Workshop regarding Amendments C136 and 137
- Hon Richard Wynne, Minister for Planning re Inclusionary Zoning Pilot
- Melbourne Metropolitan Mayors meeting
- Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting
- Government Briefing with State and Federal Members of Parliament
- Discussion re Citizenship Ceremony
- Discussion re Intercultural Centre
- Budget meetings
- Opening of True North Arts Festival
- Citizenship Ceremony
- Anzac Day March Ceremony
- CALD Press meeting

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

MINUTE NO. 180

The Chairperson, Cr. Tsitas, invited questions from members of the public gallery.

The following questions were submitted:

- Arthur Tjorpatzis (Rocky) of Preston asked several questions regarding the proposed Contra-Flow Cycle Lane in Tyler Street. The question was responded to by Rasiah Dev, Chief Executive
- Peter Thomson of Reservoir asked several questions regarding Council support of local manufacturing. The question was responded to by Rasiah Dev, Chief Executive.
- Robyn Glascott of Thornbury asked a question regarding Council Services being contracted out. The question was responded to by the Chairperson, Cr. Tsitas.
- Liz Schroeder of Thornbury asked a question regarding a proposed crossing in Clyde Street. The question was responded to by the Chairperson, Cr. Tsitas.
- Fleur Elijah of Thornbury asked a question also regarding the proposed crossing in Clyde Street. The question was responded to by the Chairperson, Cr. Tsitas.
- David Schultz of Reservoir asked a question regarding the proposed enforcement of local laws. The question was responded to by the Chairperson, Cr. Tsitas.
- Janette Parker of Preston asked a question regarding the proposed Contra-Flow Cycle Lane in Tyler Street. The question was responded to by Rasiah Dev, Chief Executive and Steve Hamilton, Director Assets and Business Service.
- Janette Parker of Preston asked a question regarding illegal parking. The question was responded to by Rasiah Dev, Chief .

After Public Question Time had concluded, no further questions were submitted.

Cr. Walsh temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 7.58 pm and returned at 7.59 pm.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – 8.00 PM**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

MOVED: Cr. O. Walsh
SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

THAT Standing Orders be suspended to express condolences on the passing of the Right Honourable John Malcolm Fraser and Mr John Anderson, former Mayor of Preston.

CARRIED

Cr. Tsitas acknowledge the passing of Mr John Anderson, former Mayor of Preston and a minutes silence was held.

Cr. Walsh acknowledged the passing of former Prime Minister, the Right Honourable John Malcolm Fraser and a minute silence was held.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS – 8.07 PM**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

MOVED: Cr. G. Greco
SECONDED: Cr. B. Li

THAT Standing Orders be resumed.

CARRIED

Jody Brodribb, Council Business and Governance Officer temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.02 pm and returned at 8.04 pm.

7. RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

7.1 ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS HELD

MINUTE NO. 181

An Assembly of Councillors is defined in section 76AA of the *Local Government Act 1989* to include Advisory Committees of Council if at least one Councillor is present or, a planned or scheduled meeting attended by at least half of the Councillors and one Council Officer that considers matters intended or likely to be the subject of a Council decision.

Written records of Assemblies of Councillors must be kept and include the names of all Councillors and members of Council staff attending, the matters considered, any conflict of interest disclosures made by a Councillor attending, and whether a Councillor who has disclosed a conflict of interest leaves the assembly.

Pursuant to section 80A (2) of the Act, these records must be, as soon as practicable, reported at an ordinary meeting of the Council and incorporated in the minutes of that meeting.

An Assembly of Councillors record was kept for:

- Darebin Education Advisory Committee – 16 March 2015
- Darebin Women's Advisory Committee – 19 March 2015
- Budget Workshop – 21 March 2015
- Planning Committee Briefing – 23 March 2015
- Councillor Briefing Session – 23 March 2015
- Darebin Child Friendly City Advisory Committee – 24 March 2015
- Darebin Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity Advisory Committee – 24 March 2015
- Budget Workshop – 25 March 2015
- Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee – 8 April 2015

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. G. Greco

THAT the record of the Assembly of Councillors held on 16, 19, 21, 23, 24 and 25 March 2015 and 8 April 2015 be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

CARRIED



ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

ASSEMBLY DETAILS:	Title:	Darebin Education Committee
	Date:	Monday 16 March 2015
	Location:	Conference Room, Darebin Civic Centre
PRESENT:	Councillors:	Cr. Gaetano Greco
	Council Staff:	Cheryl Hermence, Wendy Dinning, Karla Chatfield, Jess Fraser, Jackie Mansourian
	Other:	Representatives from eight Darebin primary and secondary schools, DET, INNLEN and community agencies and groups.
APOLOGIES:		

The Assembly commenced at 4.00 pm

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1	Theme: Transitions - Focus on Primary to Secondary schools	No disclosures were made
2	Finalising Terms of Reference for DEC	No disclosures were made
3	Recommendations from Darebin Education Inquiry	No disclosures were made

The Assembly concluded at 6.00 pm

RECORD COMPLETED BY:	Officer Name:	Jackie Mansourian
	Officer Title:	Community Renewal Officer



ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

ASSEMBLY DETAILS:	Title:	Darebin Women's Advisory Committee
	Date:	Thursday 19 March 2015
	Location:	Conference Room, Darebin Civic Centre
PRESENT:	Councillors:	Cr. Angela Villella, Cr. Julie Williams
	Council Staff:	Karin Linden (Team Leader Equity and Diversity) Gabriela Cabezas, (Diversity Policy Officer)
	Other:	Members of the Darebin Women's Advisory Committee
APOLOGIES:		N/A

The Assembly commenced at 6.00 pm

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1	Darebin Women's Advisory Committee Induction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions/Expectations/Motivations • Overview City of Darebin • Overview Women in Darebin • Decision Making in Local Government • The Darebin Women's Equity Strategy 2012-2015 • DWAC Terms of Reference • Questions/Comments 	No disclosures were made

The Assembly concluded at 8.00 pm

RECORD COMPLETED BY:	Officer Name:	Gabriela Cabezas
	Officer Title:	Diversity Officer



ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

ASSEMBLY DETAILS:	Title:	Councillor Budget Workshop
	Date:	Saturday 21 March 2015
	Location:	Conference Room, Darebin Civic Centre
PRESENT:	Councillors:	Cr. Steven Tsitas (Mayor), Cr. Gaetano Greco, Cr. Tim Laurence, Cr. Vince Fontana, Cr. Julie Williams, Cr. Angela Villella, Cr. Oliver Walsh, Cr. Trent McCarthy.
	Council Staff:	Rasiah Dev, Tiffany White, Steve Hamilton, Katrina Knox, Sally Jones Chris Meulblok
	Other:	Terry Cuddy and Mark Bouw, Advocacy Consultants
APOLOGIES:		Cr. Bo Li

The Assembly commenced at 1.05 pm

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1	Capital Works Budget	<p>No disclosures were made.</p> <p>Cr. Williams noted that her street name appeared in the list.</p> <p>Cr. McCarthy entered the assembly during consideration of this matter at 1:15 pm.</p> <p>Cr. Walsh entered the assembly during consideration of this matter at 1:35 pm.</p>

ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS – PUBLIC RECORD (CONT)

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
2	<p>Advocacy Strategy – including brief presentations on women’s sports/high ball sports facilities and Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre.</p>	<p>No disclosures were made.</p> <p>Cr. Tsitas left the assembly at 2:05 pm and returned at 2:10 pm</p> <p>Cr. Laurence left the assembly at 2:20 pm and did not return.</p> <p>Cr. Walsh left the assembly at 2:20 pm and returned at 2:35 pm.</p> <p>Cr. Villella left the assembly at 2:30 pm and returned at 2:40 pm.</p> <p>Cr. Williams left at 2:30 pm and returned at 2:35 pm.</p> <p>Cr. Walsh left the assembly at 3 pm and returned at 3:12 pm.</p> <p>Cr. Walsh left the assembly at 3:15 pm and returned at 3:30 pm.</p> <p>Cr. Walsh left the assembly at 3:40 pm and returned at 3:42 pm.</p> <p>Cr. Tsitas left the assembly at 3:45 pm and returned at 3:55 pm.</p> <p>Cr. Villella left the assembly at 3:50 pm and returned at 3:55 pm.</p> <p>Cr. Villella left the assembly at 3:57 pm and returned at 3:59 pm.</p> <p>Cr. Walsh left the assembly at 3:56 pm and returned at 3:58 pm.</p> <p>Cr. Fontana left the assembly at 4:20 pm.</p>

The Assembly concluded at 4.25 pm

RECORD COMPLETED BY:	<p>Officer Name: Tiffany White</p> <p>Officer Title: Acting Director Corporate Services</p>
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ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

ASSEMBLY DETAILS:	Title:	Planning Committee Briefing
	Date:	Monday 23 March 2015
	Location:	Councillors Room
PRESENT:	Councillors:	Cr. Vince Fontana (left at 5.25 pm), Cr. Bo Li, Cr. Julie Williams, Cr. Gaetano Greco Cr. Angela Villella and Cr. Trent McCarthy (5.24 pm)
	Council Staff:	Julie Smout, Darren Rudd
APOLOGIES:	Other:	

The Assembly commenced at 5.15 pm

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1	Planning Permit Application D/810/2014 45 Robeson Street, Preston	Cr. McCarthy arrived after this item was discussed and upon arriving declared a direct conflict of interest on the grounds of impact on residential amenity.
2	Planning Permit Application D/1067/2014 9 Bedford Street , Reservoir	No disclosures were made.
3	Planning Permit Application D/520/2013A 214 Bell Street, Preston	No disclosures were made.

The Assembly concluded at 5.29 pm

RECORD COMPLETED BY:	Officer Name:	Darren Rudd
	Officer Title:	Manager City Development



ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

ASSEMBLY DETAILS:	Title:	Councillor Briefing Session
	Date:	Monday 23 March 2015
	Location:	Conference Room, Darebin Civic Centre
PRESENT:	Councillors:	Cr. Steven Tsitas (Mayor), Cr. Oliver Walsh (Deputy Mayor), Cr. Julie Williams, Cr. Gaetano Greco, Cr. Tim Laurence, Cr. Trent McCarthy, Cr. Bo Li, Cr. Angela Villella.
	Council Staff:	Rasiah Dev Katrina Knox, Steve Hamilton, Sally Jones, Tiffany White, David Shepard (all until 7.40pm). Jacinta Stevens (until 8.30pm). Katina Angelofsky from 7.40pm
	Other:	Magda Marciniak – Justitia from 7.40pm
APOLOGIES:		Cr. Vince Fontana

The Assembly commenced at 7.05pm

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1	Outdoor Multi-Purpose Sports Courts	Cr. Laurence declared an 'Interest due to close relationship' (brother-in-law living in close proximity to a nominated site). Cr. Walsh absent from 7.12pm to 7.15pm)
2	Singh Sabah Sports Club Outstanding Debt	Cr. Laurence declared a conflict of interest in this matter.
3	Electronic Line Clearance	No disclosures were made
4	Perin Court	No disclosures were made
5	Special Training Workshop	No disclosures were made

The Assembly concluded at 8.45 pm

RECORD COMPLETED BY:	Officer Name:	Katrina Knox
	Officer Title:	Director Community Development



ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

ASSEMBLY DETAILS:	Title:	Darebin Child Friendly City Advisory Committee
	Date:	Tuesday 24 March 2015
	Location:	Council Chambers, Darebin Civic Centre
PRESENT:	Councillors:	Cr. Julie Williams
	Council Staff:	Yvonne Rust, Linda Harman, Cheryl Hermence, Christopher Meulblok, David Shepard, Jody Brodribb, Emma McDonald
	Other:	Community Representatives on the Child Friendly City Advisory Committee
APOLOGIES:		Mayor Cr Steven Tsitas, Katrina Knox, Bridget Monro-Hobbs, Brett Grambau, Caz Smith, Philip Tulk, Vanessa Pigrum, Stephanie Preston, Indy Lingam, Patrick Buchanan

The Assembly commenced at 10.00 am

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1	Draft Framework for discussion	No disclosures were made
2	Joint Community Infrastructure Plan Presentation, Yvonne Rust, Town Planner	No disclosures were made
3	Feedback from Child Friendly Cities and Communities Network Meeting	No disclosures were made
4	Child Friendly Mapping Update	No disclosures were made

The Assembly concluded at 11.20 am

RECORD COMPLETED BY:	Officer Name:	Linda Harman
	Officer Title:	Acting Coordinator Family and Community Programs



ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

ASSEMBLY DETAILS:	Title:	Darebin Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity Advisory Committee
	Date:	Tuesday 24 March 2015
	Location:	Conference Room, Darebin Civic Centre
PRESENT:	Councillors:	Cr. Angela Villella
	Council Staff:	Gabriela Cabezas (Diversity Policy Officer)
	Other:	Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity Advisory Committee Members
APOLOGIES:		Cr. Trent McCarthy

The Assembly commenced at 6.15 pm

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1	Sexuality Sex and Gender Diversity Advisory Committee Recruitment	No disclosures were made
2	IDAHOBIT Planning Council Activities Community Activities	No disclosures were made
3	Forward Planning: Sexuality Sex and Gender Diversity Action Plan 2012 -2015	No disclosures were made.

The Assembly concluded at 9.45 pm

RECORD COMPLETED BY:	Officer Name:	Gabriela Cabezas
	Officer Title:	Diversity Policy Officer



ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

ASSEMBLY DETAILS:	Title:	Councillor Budget Briefing
	Date:	Monday 25 March 2015
	Location:	Conference Room , Darebin Civic Centre
PRESENT:	Councillors:	Cr. Steven Tsitas (Mayor), Cr. Bo Li, Cr. Vince Fontana, Cr. Julie Williams, Cr. Angela Villella, Cr. Trent McCarthy
	Council Staff:	Cr. Oliver Walsh (Deputy Mayor), Cr. Tim Laurence – arrived 7.22 pm Rasiah Dev, Sally Jones, Tiffany White, Kerrie Jordan
	Other:	Parishilan Reddy, Rob Spargo
APOLOGIES:		Cr. Gaetano Greco

The Assembly commenced at 7.03 pm

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1.	Draft Capital Works Program	No disclosures were made. Cr. Williams left at 7.06 pm returned at 7.08 pm
2.	Draft 2015/2016 Budget Financial Position	Cr. McCarthy declared interest – AH Capp Reserve – left at 7.23 pm
3.	New Initiatives	No disclosures were made. Cr. Walsh left at 7.30 pm returned at 7.31 pm
4.	Local Solutions to Local Issues	No disclosures were made. Cr. Villella left at 8.24 pm returned at 8.27 pm Cr. Walsh left at 8.31 pm returned at 8.36 pm
5.	Online Budgeting tool	No disclosures were made. Cr. Walsh left at 8.42 pm returned at 8.44 pm
6.	Next Steps – budget timetable	No disclosures were made. Cr. Tsitas left at 8.46 pm returned at 8.49 pm

The Assembly concluded at 9.32 pm

RECORD COMPLETED BY:	Officer Name:	Sally Jones
	Officer Title:	Acting Director, Culture Leisure and Works



ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

ASSEMBLY DETAILS:	Title:	Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee
	Date:	Wednesday 8 April 2015
	Location:	Conference Room, Darebin Civic Centre
PRESENT:	Councillors:	Cr. Steven Tsitas (Mayor)
	Council Staff:	Karin Linden, Stuart McFarlane, Peter Quested, Nick Matteo
	Other:	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Members
APOLOGIES:		Cr. McCarthy

The Assembly commenced at 4pm

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1	Stolen Generation Marker Progress	No disclosures were made
2	Consultation Men's Shed Program Emerging issues: Leisure strategy Acton Plan Darebin Passport to Health Program	No disclosures were made
3	Darebin Aboriginal Employment Strategy	No disclosures were made
4	Aboriginal Affairs Officer's Report	No disclosures were made Cr. Tsitas left the Assembly at 5.50

The Assembly concluded at 6.00 pm

RECORD COMPLETED BY:	Officer Name:	Karin Linden
	Officer Title:	Team Leader Equity and Diversity

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – 8.11 PM

<p>COUNCIL RESOLUTION</p>

MOVED: Cr. V. Fontana
SECONDED: Cr. T. Laurence

THAT Standing Orders be suspended to allow Notices of Motion to be heard.

CARRIED

Notices of Motion Item Numbers 9.1 to 9.4 were heard at this time. Refer to Minute Numbers 182 to 185 on Pages 30 to 38.

8. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

The following report was considered by Council at the conclusion of Item 12 'Consideration of Reports Considered Confidential'.

8.1 2015 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

MINUTE NO. 196

AUTHOR: Acting Manager Corporate Governance and Performance

REVIEWED BY: Chief Executive

SUMMARY

As a member of the Australian Local Government Association, Darebin City Council has been invited to attend the 2015 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) at the National Convention Centre in Canberra from 14 – 17 June 2015 (**Appendix A**).

Council is also invited to submit Motions that address the theme of the NGA for consideration by 21 April 2015 (**Appendix B**).

CONSULTATION

- Nil

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council resolve to be represented by Cr..... and Cr at the 2015 National General Assembly of Local Government to be held in Canberra from 14 – 17 June 2015.

MOTION

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

THAT:

- (1) Council resolve to be represented by Cr Angela Villella and Cr Oliver Walsh at the 2015 National General Assembly of Local Government to be held in Canberra from 14 – 17 June 2015.
- (2) That the ALGA calls on the Federal government to:
 - a. immediately release all children held in detention centres.
 - b. to shut down all off shore detention centres and redirect the billions of dollars in savings to rural, regional and metro council infrastructure projects.

Cr Laurence proposed to the mover (Cr Greco) and seconder (Cr McCarthy) the point (3) be added as follows. This was accepted by Cr Greco and Cr McCarthy.

- (3) That the ALGA:
- a) Calls on the Federal Government to remove the requirement for Local Government to have superannuation cash backed given the inconsistency between defined benefit superannuation schemes in the three tiers of government and given that both State and Federal Governments carry these amounts on their balance sheets as unfunded liabilities.
 - b) Calls on both the Federal and State Governments for an urgent transition back to a state-managed scheme, which would remove the requirement to ensure full funding and would return the LASF Defined Benefit Plan to an equal footing with other exempt public sector schemes.
 - c) Calls on urgent action by both the Victorian and Australian Government's to repeal the federal legislation and introduce state legislation to give effect to this change before the planned introduction of rate capping in Victoria in the 2016-2017 budget year.
 - d) Writes to the Federal and Victorian Treasurers and Federal and Victorian Local Government Ministers highlighting the impossible future budget pressures that small regional Victorian Councils will face after 2016-2017 as CPI rate capping would severely restrict these Councils ability to borrow funds to pay for unfunded superannuation call-ins when they occur.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

AMENDED MOTION

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

THAT:

- (1) Council resolve to be represented by Cr Angela Villella and Cr Oliver Walsh at the 2015 National General Assembly of Local Government to be held in Canberra from 14 – 17 June 2015.
- (2) That the ALGA calls on the Federal government to:
 - a) immediately release all children held in detention centres.
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- (3) That the ALGA:
 - a) Calls on the Federal Government to remove the requirement for Local Government to have superannuation cash backed given the inconsistency between defined benefit superannuation schemes in the three tiers of government and given that both State and Federal Governments carry these amounts on their balance sheets as unfunded liabilities.

- b) Calls on both the Federal and State Governments for an urgent transition back to a state-managed scheme, which would remove the requirement to ensure full funding and would return the LASF Defined Benefit Plan to an equal footing with other exempt public sector schemes.
- c) Calls on urgent action by both the Victorian and Australian Government's to repeal the federal legislation and introduce state legislation to give effect to this change before the planned introduction of rate capping in Victoria in the 2016/2017 budget year.
- d) Writes to the Federal and Victorian Treasurers and Federal and Victorian Local Government Ministers highlighting the impossible future budget pressures that small regional Victorian Councils will face after 2016/2017 as CPI rate capping would severely restrict these Councils ability to borrow funds to pay for unfunded superannuation call-ins when they occur.

Cr Walsh proposed to the mover (Cr Greco) and seconder (Cr McCarthy) the point (4) be added as follows. This was accepted by Cr Greco and Cr McCarthy.

- (4) That the ALGA:
 - a) Note the establishment of the COAG leaders retreat by the Prime Minister.
 - b) Call on COAG retreat to discuss ways that cost shifting to local government can be reduced.
 - c) Call for the establishment of an inquiry into ways that duplication of services can be reduced between the 3 levels of government.

THE FURTHER AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

FURTHER AMENDED MOTION

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

THAT:

- (1) Council resolve to be represented by Cr Angela Villella and Cr Oliver Walsh at the 2015 National General Assembly of Local Government to be held in Canberra from 14 – 17 June 2015.
- (2) That the ALGA calls on the Federal government to:
 - a) immediately release all children held in detention centres.
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- (3) That the ALGA:
- a) Calls on the Federal Government to remove the requirement for Local Government to have superannuation cash backed given the inconsistency between defined benefit superannuation schemes in the three tiers of government and given that both State and Federal Governments carry these amounts on their balance sheets as unfunded liabilities.
 - b) Calls on both the Federal and State Governments for an urgent transition back to a state-managed scheme, which would remove the requirement to ensure full funding and would return the LASF Defined Benefit Plan to an equal footing with other exempt public sector schemes.
 - c) Calls on urgent action by both the Victorian and Australian Government's to repeal the federal legislation and introduce state legislation to give effect to this change before the planned introduction of rate capping in Victoria in the 2016/2017 budget year.
 - d) Writes to the Federal and Victorian Treasurers and Federal and Victorian Local Government Ministers highlighting the impossible future budget pressures that small regional Victorian Councils will face after 2016/2017 as CPI rate capping would severely restrict these Councils ability to borrow funds to pay for unfunded superannuation call-ins when they occur.
- (4) That the ALGA:
- a) Note the establishment of the COAG leaders retreat by the Prime Minister.
 - b) Call on COAG retreat to discuss ways that cost shifting to local government can be reduced.
 - c) Call for the establishment of an inquiry into ways that duplication of services can be reduced between the 3 levels of government.

THE FURTHER AMENDED MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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

THAT:

- (1) Council resolve to be represented by Cr Angela Villella and Cr Oliver Walsh at the 2015 National General Assembly of Local Government to be held in Canberra from 14 – 17 June 2015.
- (2) The ALGA calls on the Federal government to:
 - a) immediately release all children held in detention centres.
 - b) to shut down all off shore detention centres and redirect the billions of dollars in savings to rural, regional and metro council infrastructure projects.

- (3) The ALGA:
- a) Calls on the Federal Government to remove the requirement for Local Government to have superannuation cash backed given the inconsistency between defined benefit superannuation schemes in the three tiers of government and given that both State and Federal Governments carry these amounts on their balance sheets as unfunded liabilities.
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- (4) The ALGA:
- a) Notes the establishment of the COAG leaders retreat by the Prime Minister.
 - b) Calls on COAG retreat to discuss ways that cost shifting to local government can be reduced.
 - c) Calls for the establishment of an inquiry into ways that duplication of services can be reduced between the 3 levels of government.

CARRIED

REPORT

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

As a member of the Australian Local Government Association, Darebin City Council has been invited to attend the 2015 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) in Canberra from 14 – 17 June 2015.

Previously, the Mayor and one other Councillor from Darebin have attended the Assembly.

ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

The theme for this year's NGA is '*Closest to the Community: Local Government in the Federation*' (**Appendix C**).

Council is invited to submit Motions that address the theme of the NGA for consideration by 21 April 2015. It should be noted that the ALGA have extended the date for lodgement of motions to this date.

Details on how councils can submit motions are outlined in the 'Call for Motions' attached as **Appendix B** to this report. In accordance with the 'Call for Motions', to be eligible for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers and then debated on the floor of the NGA, motions must follow the following principles:

1. Be relevant to the work of local government nationally
2. Be consistent with the themes of the Assembly
3. Complement or build on the policy objectives of your state and territory local government association
4. Propose a clear action and outcome; and
5. Note be advanced on behalf of external third parties which may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members, to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of local government.

The NGA program will cover a wide range of issues, reflecting the diversity of local government and its interests. There will be opportunities for delegates to interact with invited political and keynote speakers, as well as with panels of subject-matter experts and local government representatives.

It should be noted that Cr. Walsh has expressed an interest in attending this conference.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Environmental Sustainability

Nil

Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion

Nil

Economic Development

Nil

Other

Nil

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Funding for attendance of the Assembly is allocated in the Councillors Conference budget.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that two Councillors represent Darebin City Council at the 2015 National General Assembly of Local Government to be held in Canberra from 14 – 17 June 2015.

FUTURE ACTIONS

- Any Motions adopted by Council are to be submitted to the ALGA by 21 April 2015 for inclusion in the NGA agenda.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Section 80C of the *Local Government Act* 1989 requires members of Council staff and persons engaged under contract to provide advice to Council to disclose any direct or indirect interest in a matter to which the advice relates.

The Officer reviewing this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- NGA Invitation (**Appendix A**)
- NGA Call for Motions (**Appendix B**)
- NGA Program and Registration (**Appendix C**)

EXTENSION OF TIME – 10.28 PM

MOTION

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. G. Greco

THAT the Council meeting continue after 10.30 pm for 30 minutes.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND FAILED.

The Chairperson, Cr. Tsitas declared the motion failed and advised that the remaining agenda items will be dealt with at a Special meeting of Council to be held on 29 April 2015.

9. NOTICES OF MOTION**9.1 NOTICE TO RESCIND COUNCIL RESOLUTION****MINUTE NO. 182****NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 179 CR. VINCE FONTANA**

Take notice that at the Ordinary meeting to be held on 20 April 2015, it is my intention to move:

THAT Council rescind, in its entirety the Council Resolution: Minute No. 114, dated 2 March 2015 that refers to Best Value Services Reviews.

Notice Received: 26 March 2015**Notice Given to Councillors: 16 April 2015****Date of Meeting: 20 April 2015**

After lengthy discussion and debate on this matter, a Procedural Motion was put as follows:

PROCEDURAL MOTION**MOVED: Cr. B. Li**
SECONDED: Cr. V. Fontana**THAT** the Motion be put.**CARRIED****COUNCIL RESOLUTION****MOVED: Cr. V. Fontana**
SECONDED: Cr. T. Laurence

THAT Council rescind, in its entirety the Council Resolution: Minute No. 114, dated 2 March 2015 that refers to Best Value Services Reviews.

CARRIED

Lauren Close, Acting Manager Corporate Governance and Performance temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.15 pm and returned at 8.18 pm.

Katia Croce, Coordinator Council Business temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.35 pm and returned at 8.37 pm.

9.2

RATES DIFFERENTIAL ON MULTI-UNIT DWELLINGS

MINUTE NO. 183

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.

180

CR. TIM LAURENCE

Take notice that at the Ordinary meeting to be held on 20 April 2015, it is my intention to move:

THAT:

- 1) *Council resolves to take steps to ensure its long term ability to fund its Strategic Resource Plan of meeting the capital and operation budget needs of our community in an efficient and equitable manner while still satisfying the government objective of containing annual rate rises to the CPI by establishing a residential rates differential of 150% on multi-unit dwellings of four or more per block with an exemption for owner occupiers.*
- 2) *The Darebin Mayor write to the Minister of Local Government seeking an urgent meeting to discuss the establishment of a multi-unit residential rates differential of 150% so that our community has public funds to provide adequate services and infrastructure in our growth areas and to ensure that this required rates burden is shared in an equitable manner between current residents, developers and future investors.*
- 3) *Council notes the lack of affordable rental properties in the City of Darebin and the large and growing waiting list for public housing in the northern suburbs and resolves to write to the State Government and urge them to consider developing a rent control housing program of stamp duty relief for local investors who commit to rent controls to increase the supply of low cost rental stock in the suburbs.*

Notice Received:**6 April 2015****Notice Given to Councillors:****16 April 2015****Date of Meeting:****20 April 2015**

With leave of the Chairperson, Cr. Tsitas, Cr. Laurence amended his Notice of Motion prior to it being seconded, as follows:

MOTION**MOVED: Cr. T. Laurence****SECONDED: Cr. S. Tsitas****THAT Council:**

- (1) Resolves to take steps to ensure its long term ability to fund its Strategic Resource Plan of meeting the capital and operation budget needs of our community in an efficient and equitable manner while still satisfying the government objective of containing annual rate rises to the CPI by establishing a residential rates differential on multi-unit dwellings of four or more per block with an exemption for owner occupiers.
- (2) Ensures that this required rates burden is shared in an equitable manner between current residents, developers and future investors.

- (3) Notes the lack of affordable rental properties in the City of Darebin and the large and growing waiting list for public housing in the northern suburbs and resolves to write to the State Government and urge them to consider developing a rent control housing program of stamp duty relief for local investors who commit to rent controls to increase the supply of low cost rental stock in the suburbs.

Cr. Li proposed to the mover (Cr. Laurence) and seconder (Cr. Tsitas) that an additional point be added as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Laurence and Cr. Tsitas.

- (3) Receives a report on the feasibility of a rate differential for multi-unit developments in relation to:
 - a. DCP
 - b. Renter % of economic stress
 - c. Impact on budget 2015/2016

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

AMENDED MOTION

MOVED: Cr. T. Laurence
SECONDED: Cr. S. Tsitas

THAT Council:

- (1) Resolves to take steps to ensure its long term ability to fund its Strategic Resource Plan of meeting the capital and operation budget needs of our community in an efficient and equitable manner while still satisfying the government objective of containing annual rate rises to the CPI by establishing a residential rates differential on multi-unit dwellings of four or more per block with an exemption for owner occupiers.
- (2) Ensures that this required rates burden is shared in an equitable manner between current residents, developers and future investors.
- (3) Receives a report on the feasibility of a rate differential for multi-unit developments in relation to:
 - a. DCP
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- (4) Notes the lack of affordable rental properties in the City of Darebin and the large and growing waiting list for public housing in the northern suburbs and resolves to write to the State Government and urge them to consider developing a rent control housing program of stamp duty relief for local investors who commit to rent controls to increase the supply of low cost rental stock in the suburbs.

Cr. Greco proposed to the mover (Cr. Laurence) and seconder (Cr. Tsitas) that point (3) be amended as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Laurence and Cr. Tsitas.

- (3) Receives a report on the feasibility of a rate differential for multi-unit developments in relation to:
 - a. DCP
 - b. Renter % of economic stress
 - c. Impact on budget 2015/2016
 - d. Legal opinion on probability of creating a differential to this effect
 - e. Appropriate sunset clause on applying an increased differential.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

FURTHER AMENDED MOTION

MOVED: Cr. T. Laurence
SECONDED: Cr. S. Tsitas

THAT Council:

- (1) Resolves to take steps to ensure its long term ability to fund its Strategic Resource Plan of meeting the capital and operation budget needs of our community in an efficient and equitable manner while still satisfying the government objective of containing annual rate rises to the CPI by establishing a residential rates differential on multi-unit dwellings of four or more per block with an exemption for owner occupiers.
- (2) Ensures that this required rates burden is shared in an equitable manner between current residents, developers and future investors.
- (3) Receives a report on the feasibility of a rate differential for multi-unit developments in relation to:
 - a. DCP
 - b. Renter % of economic stress
 - c. Impact on budget 2015/2016
 - d. Legal opinion on probability of creating a differential to this effect
 - e. Appropriate sunset clause on applying an increased differential.
- (4) Notes the lack of affordable rental properties in the City of Darebin and the large and growing waiting list for public housing in the northern suburbs and resolves to write to the State Government and urge them to consider developing a rent control housing program of stamp duty relief for local investors who commit to rent controls to increase the supply of low cost rental stock in the suburbs.

THE FURTHER AMENDED MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. T. Laurence

SECONDED: Cr. S. Tsitas

THAT Council:

- (1) Resolves to take steps to ensure its long term ability to fund its Strategic Resource Plan of meeting the capital and operation budget needs of our community in an efficient and equitable manner while still satisfying the government objective of containing annual rate rises to the CPI by establishing a residential rates differential on multi-unit dwellings of four or more per block with an exemption for owner occupiers.
- (2) Ensure that this required rates burden is shared in an equitable manner between current residents, developers and future investors.
- (3) Receives a report on the feasibility of a rate differential for multi-unit developments in relation to:
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 - b. Renter % of economic stress
 - c. Impact on budget 2015/2016
 - d. Legal opinion on probability of creating a differential to this effect
 - e. Appropriate sunset clause on applying an increased differential.
- (4) Notes the lack of affordable rental properties in the City of Darebin and the large and growing waiting list for public housing in the northern suburbs and resolves to write to the State Government and urge them to consider developing a rent control housing program of stamp duty relief for local investors who commit to rent controls to increase the supply of low cost rental stock in the suburbs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr. Walsh temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.44 pm and returned at 8.45 pm.

Cr. Li disclosed a conflict of interest in the following item, describing the interest as a direct interest as he is a director of Regional Kitchen Pty Ltd and receives a financial stipend for this role. Cr. Li left the meeting prior to discussion of the item – 9.01 pm.

Cr. Walsh declared a conflict of interest in the following item, describing the interest as a direct interest as he is a board member of Inner Northern Group Training and receives a financial stipend for this role. Cr. Walsh left the meeting prior to discussion of the item – 9.01 pm.

Cr. McCarthy disclosed an 'interest' in the following item as he has been a previous board member of the VLGA and received an allowance for this role.

Cr. Greco disclosed a conflict of interest in the following item, describing the interest as a direct interest as he has been a previous board member of a number of related organisations for which he received allowances for. Cr. Greco left the meeting prior to discussion of the item – 9.02 pm.

9.3 MOVING TO FULL AND OPEN DISCLOSURE ON BENEFITS FROM COUNCIL OWNED OR LINKED ORGANISATIONS

MINUTE NO. 184

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.

181

CR. TIM LAURENCE

Take notice that at the Ordinary meeting to be held on 20 April 2015, it is my intention to move:

THAT *Darebin Council reaffirms its commitment to the most open and transparent governance standards in the Victorian Local Government sector by ensuring that:*

- 1) All allowances and expenses received by current and past Darebin Councillors from any organisations owned partially or fully by Darebin Council between now and 2002 are published on the Darebin Website in the same fashion as other allowance and expense details are now made public.*
- 2) All allowances, in-kind benefits, financial benefits, prizes, sponsorships and expenses received by current and past Darebin Councillors from any of our representative organisations between now and 2002 are published on the Darebin Website in the same fashion as other allowance and expense.*
- 3) Any known sponsorships or in kind benefits received by current and past Councillors between now and 2002 from supplier companies to the City of Darebin are published on the Darebin Website in the same fashion as other allowance and expense details are now made public.*

Notice Received: 7 April 2015

Notice Given to Councillors: 16 April 2015

Date of Meeting: 20 April 2015

With leave of the Chairperson, Cr. Tsitas, Cr. Laurence amended his Notice of Motion prior to it being seconded, as follows:

MOTION

MOVED: Cr. T. Laurence
SECONDED: Cr. V. Fontana

THAT Darebin Council reaffirms its commitment to the most open and transparent governance standards in the Victorian Local Government sector by ensuring that:

- 1) All allowances and expenses received by current Darebin Councillors from any organisations owned partially or fully by Darebin Council are published on the Darebin Website in the same fashion as other allowance and expense details are now made public.
- 2) All allowances, in-kind benefits, financial benefits, prizes, sponsorships and expenses received by current Darebin Councillors from any of our representative organisations are published on the Darebin Website in the same fashion as other allowances and expenses.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. T. Laurence
SECONDED: Cr. V. Fontana

THAT Darebin Council reaffirms its commitment to the most open and transparent governance standards in the Victorian Local Government sector by ensuring that:

- 1) All allowances and expenses received by current Darebin Councillors from any organisations owned partially or fully by Darebin Council are published on the Darebin Website in the same fashion as other allowance and expense details are now made public.
- 2) All allowances, in-kind benefits, financial benefits, prizes, sponsorships and expenses received by current Darebin Councillors from any of our representative organisations are published on the Darebin Website in the same fashion as other allowances and expenses.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Katia Croce, Coordinator Council Business temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 9.08 pm and returned at 9.10 pm.

Crs. Li, Walsh and Greco returned to the meeting at the conclusion of the above item – 9.17 pm.

Cr. Li disclosed a conflict of interest in the following item, describing the interest as a direct interest as he is the recipient of the 2015 MAV MacArthur Fellowship. Cr. Li left the meeting prior to discussion of the item – 9.18 pm.

Cr. Greco disclosed a conflict of interest in the following item, describing the interest as a direct interest as he has been a previous recipient of the MAV MacArthur Fellowship. Cr. Greco left the meeting prior to discussion of the item – 9.18 pm.

9.4 BAN ON SPONSORED OVERSEAS TRIPS

MINUTE NO. 185

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.

182

CR. TIM LAURENCE

Take notice that at the Ordinary meeting to be held on 20 April 2015, it is my intention to move:

THAT Darebin Council reaffirms its firm commitment to accountability to local ratepayers and residents and therefore condemns:

- *The Municipal Association of Victoria's use of third party companies to promote a 'junket culture' in the Victorian Local Government Sector.*
- *The growing practice where some Victorian Councillors' overseas travel is being paid in full or partly by commercial entities or private individuals.*

Furthermore, that Darebin Council write to the Minister of Local Government and call on her to ban the private sponsorship of overseas travel in the local government sector.

Notice Received: 7 April 2015

Notice Given to Councillors: 16 April 2015

Date of Meeting: 20 April 2015

MOTION

MOVED: Cr. T. Laurence

SECONDED: Cr. V. Fontana

THAT Darebin Council reaffirms its firm commitment to accountability to local ratepayers and residents and therefore condemns:

- *The Municipal Association of Victoria's use of third party companies to promote a 'junket culture' in the Victorian Local Government Sector.*
- *The growing practice where some Victorian Councillors' overseas travel is being paid in full or partly by commercial entities or private individuals.*

Furthermore, that Darebin Council write to the Minister of Local Government and call on her to ban the private sponsorship of overseas travel in the local government sector.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND LOST.

Cr Laurence called for a Division:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Cr. T. Laurence	Cr. T. McCarthy
Cr. J. Williams	Cr. A. Villella
Cr. V. Fontana	Cr. O. Walsh
	Cr. S. Tsitas

The Chairperson, Cr. Tsitas, declared the motion to be lost.

Cr. Li and Cr. Greco returned to the meeting at the conclusion of the above item – 9.35 pm

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – 9.37 PM

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. V. Fontana
SECONDED: Cr. J. Williams

THAT Standing Orders be suspended to enable Confidential Reports to be dealt with.

CARRIED

Consideration of Reports Considered Confidential were held at this point in the meeting. Refer Minutes Numbers 186 to 195 on pages 42 to 52.

10. URGENT BUSINESS

To be considered at the Special meeting of Council on 29 April 2015.

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

To be considered at the Special meeting of Council on 29 April 2015.

12. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

ADJOURNMENT – 9.39 PM

The Chairperson, Cr. Tsitas adjourned the meeting for a 5 minute break.

Dave Bell, Senior Media Advisor, Darren Rudd, Manager City Development and Yvonne Rust, Town Planner temporarily left the meeting for the 'in camera' items at 9.39 pm.

The meeting resumed at 9.44 pm

CLOSE OF MEETING

MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. T. Laurence

THAT in accordance with section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989, Council resolves to close the meeting to members of the public to consider the following items which relate to legal and contractual matters:

- 12.1 Provision of Internal Audit Services CT201456
- 12.2 Community Co-Op – East Preston Neighbourhood House
- 12.3 Municipal Wide Safety Audit
- 12.4 Darebin Development Contributions Plan Amendment C148
- 12.5 Flinders Street Thornbury Reconstruction Stages 2 and 3 CT201451
- 12.6 Supply of Building Trade Maintenance – Mechanical (HVAC) Services - CT201457
- 12.7 Supply of Building Trade Maintenance – Electrical Services CT201503
- 12.8 Building Trade Maintenance – Plumbing Services – CT201504
- 12.9 Singh Sabah Sports Club Proposal Regarding Reduced Financial Contribution to JC Donath West Pavilion Redevelopment
- 12.10 Management Fee for the Darebin Resource Recovery Centre for 2015/2016 Financial Year

CARRIED

The meeting was closed to members of the public at 9.44 pm.

Council considered and resolved on Report Items 12.1 (Provision of Internal Audit Services CT201456), 12.2 (Community Co-Op – East Preston Neighbourhood House), 12.3 (Municipal Wide Safety Audit), 12.4 (Darebin Development Contributions Plan Amendment C148), 12.5 (Flinders Street Thornbury Reconstruction Stages 2 and 3 CT201451) 12.6 (Building Trade Maintenance – Mechanical (HVAC) Services), 12.7 (Building Trade Maintenance – Electrical Services), 12.8 (Building Trade Maintenance – Plumbing Services), 12.9 (Singh Sabah Sports Club Proposal Regarding Reduced Financial Contribution to JC Donath West Pavilion Redevelopment) and 12.10 (Management Fee for the Darebin Resource Recovery Centre for 2015/2016 Financial Year) which had been circulated to Councillors on 16 April 2015 with the Council Agenda Paper.

RE-OPENING OF MEETING

MOVED: Cr. V. Fontana
SECONDED: Cr. B. Li

THAT the meeting be re-opened to the members of the public.

CARRIED

The meeting was re-opened to the members of the public at 9.55 pm

EXTENSION OF TIME – 9.55 PM

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. A. Villella

THAT the Council meeting continue after 10.00 pm for 30 minutes.

CARRIED

CLOSE OF MEETING

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. V. Fontana

That the meeting be closed to members of the public.

CARRIED

The meeting was closed to members of the public at 9.55 pm.

RE-OPENING OF MEETING

MOVED: Cr. G. Greco
SECONDED: Cr. A. Villella

THAT the meeting be re-opened to the members of the public.

CARRIED

The meeting was re-opened to the members of the public at 10.24 pm

WITH LEAVE OF THE CHAIRPERSON, CR. TSITAS, COUNCIL MOVED TO ITEM 8.1 – CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS, AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS.

CONFIDENTIAL**12.1 PROVISION OF INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES CT201456****MINUTE NO. 186****AUTHOR: Acting Director Corporate Services****REVIEWED BY: Chief Executive****SUMMARY:**

Darebin Council seeks to appoint a suitably qualified and experienced internal audit provider.

Tenders were invited for the provision of internal audit services.

The Tender Evaluation Panel (TEP) has evaluated the tenders and recommends the award of the contract.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report and the Council Resolution remain confidential.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

THAT the report and the Council Resolution remain confidential.

CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL**12.2 COMMUNITY CO-OP – EAST PRESTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE****MINUTE NO. 187****AUTHOR: Manager Children, Family and Community****REVIEWED BY: Director Community Development****SUMMARY**

At its meeting on 6 October 2014, Council resolved:

'That Council be presented with a report on the feasibility of establishing a Council and/or community co-op as part of the development of the East Preston Neighbourhood House. The report may consider the funding and governance arrangements of such a co-op (e.g. Council or in partnership with other stakeholders, constitution and board of management etc.) and the range of services it may offer such as educational, training and employment opportunities for disadvantaged members of the local community. This report may also be referred to the 2015/2016 budget.'

This report provides an update on the development of the East Preston neighbourhood house and explores the feasibility of establishing a Council/ Community Co-op as part of the development of this centre.

CONSULTATION

- Community Wellbeing Team Leader
- Community Development Officer
- Major Projects

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report and the Council Resolution remain confidential.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

THAT the report and the Council Resolution remain confidential.

CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL**12.3 MUNICIPAL WIDE SAFETY AUDIT****MINUTE NO. 188****AUTHOR: Manager Children, Families and Community****REVIEWED BY: Director of Community Development****SUMMARY**

At its meeting on 2 February 2015, Council resolved:

'THAT officers provide Council with a municipality wide safety audit report in April 2015 which will then inform 2015/2016 budget deliberations.'

This report provides an overview of community safety and crime issues across the municipality and recommends the key areas for Council's focus and resources.

CONSULTATION

- Community Safety Officer
- Youth Services Coordinator
- Safe Travel Officer
- Community Wellbeing Team Leader
- Preventing Violence Against Women Officer
- Victoria Police
- Department of Justice Community Corrections
- Melbourne Fire Brigade
- Darebin Community Health

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report and the Council Resolution remain confidential.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

THAT the report and the Council Resolution remain confidential.

CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL**12.4 DAREBIN DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN:
AMENDMENT C148****MINUTE NO. 189****AUTHOR: Manager City Development
Manager Assets and Properties****REVIEWED BY: Director Assets and Business Services****SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to gain a formal resolution from Council to:

- Commence the process of amending the Darebin Planning Scheme through Amendment C148 in order to finalise the 2004–2014 Darebin Development Contributions Plan (2004-2014 DCP) which has concluded with unspent funds;
- Seek endorsement for the proposed Darebin High Ball Stadium as an iconic project of municipal-wide significance and benefit to meet the demonstrated need for a high quality indoor, multi-sport facility to service the entire municipality through utilising the unspent funds from the 2004-2014 DCP; and
- Commence consultation on the proposed on the Darebin High Ball Stadium over an 8 week period in accordance with the *Darebin High Ball Stadium – Consultation Plan*.

CONSULTATION

- Council Briefing – 13 April 2015
- Department of Environment, Water, Land and Planning
- Statutory Planning
- Leisure Services
- Assets and Properties
- Finance
- Corporate Governance and Performance

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report and the Council Resolution remain confidential.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

THAT the report and the Council Resolution remain confidential.

CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL**12.5 FLINDERS STREET THORNBURY RECONSTRUCTION STAGES 2 AND 3 CT201451****MINUTE NO. 190****AUTHOR: Acting Senior Coordinator Major Projects and Engineering****REVIEWED BY: Director Assets and Business Services****SUMMARY**

Tenders were invited for the reconstruction of Flinders Street Thornbury Stage 2 and 3 which closed on the 22 January 2015. The works include:

- Kerb and channel replacement
- Concrete paving
- Drainage
- Rain Gardens (WSUD)
- Landscaping
- Traffic Management Treatment
- Nature strips replacement
- Asphalt resurfacing

The two stages will be treated as separate portions, with Stage 3 only proceeding pending approval of funding within Council's 2015/2016 adopted budget.

The Tender Evaluation Panel (TEP) has evaluated the tenders and a summary of the evaluation is included in this report.

CONSULTATION

- Ward Councillors (Concept Plan)
- Residents of Flinders Street Thornbury
- Asset Strategy Unit
- Capital Works
- Transport Management
- Public Realm
- Parks and Vegetation
- Federal Government Roads to Recovery Program
- Procurement and Contracting

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report and the Council Resolution remain confidential.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

THAT the report and the Council Resolution remain confidential.

CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL**12.6 SUPPLY OF BUILDING TRADE MAINTENANCE –
MECHANICAL (HVAC) SERVICES – CT201457****MINUTE NO. 191****AUTHOR: Manager Assets and Properties****REVIEWED BY: Director Assets and Business Services****SUMMARY**

The Darebin Council is seeking to appoint suitably qualified, experienced and appropriately registered contractors to provide *Building Trade Maintenance – Mechanical (HVAC) Services* across the City of Darebin as part of a panel of suppliers. A panel will be established to ensure adequate coverage across the municipality as well as providing a contingency in the case of unforeseen circumstances preventing a single supplier from meeting their obligations.

The scope of *Building Trade Maintenance – Mechanical (HVAC)* covers all on-going (cyclical) maintenance and servicing of Heating, Ventilation and Air conditioning (HVAC) equipment in council owned structures in addition to ad hoc (reactive) services requirements as required.

Council has identified 1,356 items of equipment, spread across 97 structures at 75 sites within the municipality.

CONSULTATION

- Acting Manager Facilities Maintenance

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report and the Council Resolution remain confidential.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

THAT the report and the Council Resolution remain confidential.

CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL**12.7 SUPPLY OF BUILDING TRADE MAINTENANCE –
ELECTRICAL SERVICES – CT201503****MINUTE NO. 192****AUTHOR: Manager Assets and Properties****REVIEWED BY: Director Assets and Business Services****SUMMARY**

The Darebin Council is seeking to appoint suitably qualified, experienced and appropriately registered contractors to provide *Building Trade Maintenance – Electrical Services* across the City of Darebin as part of a panel of suppliers. A panel will be established to ensure adequate coverage across the municipality as well as proving a contingency in the case of unforeseen circumstances preventing a single supplier from meeting their obligations

The scope of *Building Trade Maintenance –Electrical* covers all on-going (cyclical) maintenance and servicing of Electrical equipment in council owned structures in addition to ad hoc (reactive) services requirements as required.

Council has identified 126 sites that may require ad-hoc (reactive) Electrical services. This includes 108 sites that require planned/preventative (cyclical) servicing spread across the municipality.

CONSULTATION

- Acting Manager Facilities Maintenance

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report and the Council Resolution remain confidential.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

THAT the report and the Council Resolution remain confidential.

CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL**12.8 SUPPLY OF BUILDING TRADE MAINTENANCE –
PLUMBING SERVICES – CT201504****MINUTE NO. 193****AUTHOR: Manager Assets and Properties****REVIEWED BY: Director Assets and Business Services****SUMMARY**

The Darebin Council is seeking to appoint suitably qualified, experienced and appropriately registered contractors to provide *Building Trade Maintenance – Plumbing Services* across the City of Darebin as part of a panel of suppliers. A panel will be established to ensure adequate coverage across the municipality as well as proving a contingency in the case of unforeseen circumstances preventing a single supplier from meeting their obligations

The scope of *Building Trade Maintenance – Plumbing Services* covers all on-going (cyclical) maintenance and servicing of Plumbing and Gas related equipment in council owned structures in addition to ad hoc (reactive) services requirements as required.

Council has identified 126 sites that may require ad-hoc (reactive) Plumbing services. This includes 98 sites that require planned/preventative (cyclical) servicing spread across the municipality.

CONSULTATION

- Acting Manager Facilities Maintenance

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report and the Council Resolution remain confidential.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

THAT the report and the Council Resolution remain confidential.

CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL**12.9 SINGH SABHA SPORTS CLUB PROPOSAL REGARDING
REDUCED FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO J.C. DONATH
WEST PAVILION REDEVELOPMENT****MINUTE NO. 194****AUTHOR: Manager Leisure and Public Realm****REVIEWED BY: Acting Director Leisure, Culture and Venues****SUMMARY:**

This report addresses issues regarding the reduced financial contribution to J.C. Donath West Pavilion Redevelopment by Singh Sabha Sports Club.

CONSULTATION:

- Coordinator Facility Design/Draft
- Coordinator Leisure Services
- Recreation Liaison Officer

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report and the Council Resolution remain confidential.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

THAT the report and the Council Resolution remain confidential.

CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL**12.10 MANAGEMENT FEE FOR THE DAREBIN RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRE FOR 2015-2016 FINANCIAL YEAR****MINUTE NO. 195****AUTHOR: Manager City Works****REVIEWED BY: Acting Director Culture, Leisure and Works****SUMMARY**

Council has received a formal request for a management fee to support the operation of the Darebin Resource Recovery Centre.

Officers have undertaken a review of the contract with the operator. The conclusion reached by this review was that the management fee is reasonable and within the requirements of the contract.

CONSULTATION

- Outlook Environmental
- Director Culture, Leisure and Works
- Coordinator Operational Projects and Fleet
- Financial Accountant

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report and the Council Resolution remain confidential.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

THAT the report and the Council Resolution remain confidential.

CARRIED

The Chairperson, Cr. Tsitas advised the meeting that all remaining agenda items would be dealt with at a Special meeting of Council on 29 April 2015.

13. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 10.30 pm.