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

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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 26 APRIL 2021

THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.03PM

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

WELCOME

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

"I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand here today, the Wurundjeri people, and pay my respects to their Elders, past and present, as well as to Elders from other communities who may be with us today."

1. PRESENT

Councillors

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

Council Officers

Sue Wilkinson - Chief Executive Officer
Sam Hewett - General Manager Operations and Capital
Kerry McGrath - General Manager Communities
Rachel Ollivier - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy
Jodie Watson - General Manager Governance and Engagement
Anita Craven - Manager Governance and Corporate Strategy
Vanessa Petrie – Manager Climate Emergency and Sustainable Transport
Damian Hogan – Manager Finance
Stevie Meyer – Coordinator Strategic Planning
Quentin Mercier – Coordinator Major Projects
Allan Middlemast – Coordinator Transport Engineering
Naomi Keung - Senior Strategic Planner
Matthew Gould – Senior Property Services Officer
Anthea Kypreos – Acting Coordinator Property & Business Improvement
Stephen Mahon - Coordinator Council Business
Rachna Gupta Singh - Senior Council Business Officer
Karlee Ferrante – Council Business Officer

2. APOLOGIES

Nil

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Councillor Newton advised Council, that whilst she owned property in the subject area of Item '7.6 – Thornbury Park Estate – Application of a Heritage Overlay – Proposed Planning Scheme Amendment C191' she did so in common with approx. 1000 property owners and had formed the view that her interest does not exceed that of the interests held by other residents, ratepayers and electors.

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 8 April 2021 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 21-099

MOVED: Cr. J Williams
SECONDED: Cr. G Greco

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 8 April 2021 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

The Chairperson, Cr Messina and the Chief Executive Officer, responded to the following questions submitted for Public Question Time.

Statement on public questions submitted regarding Notice of Motion 9.1 - Cramer Street (West)

We have received several questions regarding this matter which have been disallowed pursuant to Council's Governance Rules. The Governance Rules specifically prohibited questions on Notices of Motion and accordingly Officers have endeavoured to contact the submitters of these questions prior to the meeting to inform them accordingly.

Disallowed questions relating to the Notice of Motion were received from George Kompogiorgas, Madelaine Clarke, John Villella, Mario de Luca, Cinzia de Luca, Dobe Temelkovski, Christine Lennon, Ernie Latore and Christine Banks.

- **John Villella, Preston**

In regards to the Cramer St West section of the Streets For the People plan, we understand the guiding principle of this project is to encourage motor vehicles to stay on the main arterial roads and to discourage them using smaller streets as through roads such as Cramer St and James St (Area 1). Will the council engaged in any planning or discussions with Vic Roads to actually improve the access for motorists to main arterial roads (such as Bell St / Gilbert Rd/ Murray Rd) which would further discourage motorists from using smaller streets such as Cramer & James St and thereby keeping these streets safe?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

We will take this question on notice and provide a response to you separately.

- **John Villella, Preston.**

Since February 2021 I have asked to see an 'Impact report' that would indicate to the residents of Cramer St West that Council has considered how the measures in the Streets for the People proposal, will directly impact the residents and hinder their ability to function safely around their home. Can council please provide any such 'impact report' that shows Councillors considered how these changes will hinder the ability for residents to function naturally and safely where they live?

Response from Chief Executive Officer, Sue Wilkinson

There is an extensive list of documents related to your question and the project on Councils website. I will request the relevant Manager to call you tomorrow to assist in directing you to the location of these documents on the website.

- **John Villella on behalf of Dorothy Oriodan, Preston**

In regard to the Cramer Street West section of the Streets for People plan, the plan includes an upgrade to the traffic lighting on Gilbert Road and Cramer Street intersection. Did the Council consider as part of this upgrade, to create electronic signage or arrows as part of the upgrade as a measure to deter through traffic into Cramer Street West? A bold and clear indication to motorists that Cramer Street was for local traffic only?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

This question was taken on notice and an officer will follow up with the resident.

- **Ruth Jelley, Northcote**

1. Can Council please report on the safety benefits of the Streets for People project – both actual benefits for completed projects and anticipated benefits for approved but yet-to-be-commenced projects – with particular reference to reduced traffic speeds and volumes?
2. Can Council please confirm what the Council Officers' recommendations were regarding the Preston Activity Link (West) project?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina**Question 1**

Evaluation of similar road safety projects in Darebin show that vehicle speeds have been reduced.

The treatment types on Cramer Street are expected to reduce speeds by up to 25km/h.

In this area the treatments are planned to work together to reduce rat running by through traffic.

On 29 June last year, officers recommended the treatments that Council has been preparing to start building. These recommendations included a trial road closure and pocket park.

Question 2

This question was taken on notice and an officer will contact Ms Jelley to assist her to access the information on Councils website

- **Matthew Burke, Preston**

- (1) What community consultation has been undertaken since Council voted to proceed with the Preston Activity Link (West) project, and has that consultation directly addressed issues relating to altering the designs that were approved by Council in 2020?
- (2) What, if any, evidence, has been presented to Council to indicate that the Preston Activity Link (West) project no longer aligns with Council's goals to improve road safety and increase sustainable transport options?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

- 1) **Consultation was done between March 2019 and May 2020 before Council decided to proceed.**

Some people have raised concerns since then. Most issues raised recently were raised previously. The main new issues were noise and pollution.

Noise like this is normal for an urban environment and is also within required standards. Council has made some additional adjustments to the design to reduce noise further.

The pinch points are expected to reduce pollution rather than increase it because lower numbers of cars will use these roads.

- 2) **In response I can advise that no report or evidence has been provided to Council that indicates Preston Activity Link West no longer aligns with Council's goals.**

- **Maddy Maitri, Preston**

Question 1

In January, Darebin Council held drop-in consultation sessions with local residents regarding the new Bell Station car park access post LXP and car traffic movements. One outcome was Council's proposal that car traffic enter Bell Station via Garnet Street and turn left to proceed to the planned new station car park, instead of using Gertrude Street as the entry point.

Has Council submitted this proposal to LXRA and what was the outcome?

Question 2

Earlier this year Gertrude Street residents submitted a proposal to Council for a trial period of road closure. Council responded by undertaking community consultation, even though every resident of Gertrude St had signed a petition in support of the proposal.

What was the outcome of the community consultation?

Question 3

When will Council provide a written report to Gertrude St residents about the outcome of the community consultation?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

Question 1

Council is considering a report on this matter tonight, and its next steps.

Council have been advocating for the state government to consider multiple alternatives to change their current proposed design at Bell Station so that commuter parking traffic doesn't need to use local roads.

In December 2020, we proposed to LXP the option to enter the car park via Garnet Street. So far, LXP has advised they are not planning to change their design.

Question 2 and 3

Council is considering a report on this matter tonight, and its next steps.

The report includes findings of community consultation and it is publicly available on Council's website and in the Council meeting agenda papers.

I will ask the relevant manager to contact you tomorrow to ensure you have all the information about the consultation.

- **Nicky Passaportis, Preston**

I would like to know what steps Council has taken to gain access to the traffic and road safety data gathered from Railway Place East and its intersections with Gertrude, Adeline and Esther Streets in order to understand why LXP made the decision to use these small, local streets as access to the Bell Station carpark instead of the safer and more traffic-sensible options of EITHER: 1. via Blanch Street to the west of the rail line OR: via Garnet Street.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

Thank you for your advocacy on this issue.

Council has requested the traffic and road safety data from LXP multiple times but not yet received it.

The LXP has advised Council that they are not planning to change their design.

Council is considering a report on this matter tonight and will consider its next steps then.

- **Ewen Baker, Preston**

Will the Council commit to assisting Gertrude Street residents to close the street at the end of the LXRП construction period, and will the Council commit to advising the LXRП that that is the plan?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

Council is considering a report on this matter tonight. Therefore, I will take your question as a comment.

- **Justin Passaportis, Preston**

Regarding Item 7.1, in addition to the officer's recommendation of urgently starting the process to close eastern access to the station entirely (option 1, the recommended option), will Council also institute other immediate measures designed to calm traffic in local streets including additional tree planting and building the curbs out in sections to create chicanes? (but not speed humps which are noisy when traffic pass over them)

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

Council is considering a report on this matter tonight and will consider its next steps. I note that these streets are not currently in Council control. Any changes to curbs would require state government approval.

- **Kate Da Costa, Preston**

Traffic counters are now in Gertrude, Adeline, Esther Showers and Warrs Street, as well as Railway Place East. This is at a time when Oakover Road is closed on High Street and traffic is being detoured through our little nook.

Are they Council's traffic counters and if so, for what purpose?

If they are the LXRП's counters, will Council commit to advising LXRП that the counters have been placed here at a time that will not accurately reflect the usual traffic flow, and cannot be relied upon for any traffic analysis for Gertrude Street?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

The counters installed by Council are not collecting data for the next 4 weeks while LXRП works is impacting the traffic in the precinct.

Council is planning to gather additional traffic data for the precinct to help it advocate to the LXRП and to support community.

- **John Nugent, Epping**

Will this Council update the lighting at the City Oval, thus allowing the Northern Bullants to Play night Football and their games can be shown on television?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

Floodlighting of Preston City Oval has been identified in Council's Outdoor Sports Infrastructure Framework in the program of prioritised works.

The year of construction and level of floodlighting is yet to be determined and will involve discussions with AFL Victoria on the suitable level of lighting for Preston City Oval, as well as the availability of external funding opportunities.

- **Charlotte, Northcote**

What is Councils plan to maintain safety in public parks such as Ruby reserve? There is no light and it can create a sense of danger when walking my dog later in the day.

Response from Chief Executive Officer, Sue Wilkinson

Council regular undertakes safety audits of public spaces with Victoria Police to identify improvements to increase perceptions of safety. This includes a range of treatments based on the specific issues, such as increasing lighting and making changes to the landscaping.

Officers will undertake a safety audit of Rubie Thomson Reserve and identify opportunities to make this space feel safer.

- **Serena O'Meley, Northcote**

- (1) I asked several questions at the 22 March 2021 Darebin Council meeting regarding Clements Reserve, which were taken on notice. Why haven't the questions and answers been recorded in the minutes of following meeting and will this be corrected on the public record?
- (2) Ongoing delays in obtaining a joint valuation of three parcels of land within Clements Reserve continue to put the acquisition of the parkland at risk. What is the nature of the town planning advice that Darebin Council is now waiting on from VicRoads in relation to Clements Reserve and why has this advice suddenly been deemed necessary before a joint valuation is requested from the Valuer General?
- (3) Darebin Council used to list Appendices to the Agenda as separate items on its website, instead of incorporating them into one enormous document. This made it much easier for the public to follow the Agenda, locate the information they required, and print out only those sections of interest. Can this process be reinstated?

Response from Chief Executive Officer, Sue Wilkinson

- (1) **The responses to the questions taken on notice at the 22 March Council Meeting were not recorded in the minutes of the next Ordinary Council Meeting (ie the 8 April 2021) due to the reduced timeframes and the matters not being finalised. The responses are included in the Governance Report listed in this evenings agenda. When we get the Governance Report this evening Officers when introducing the report will explain the rationale for the approach.**
- (2) **Council acknowledges that the acquisition process has taken some time and whilst there were delays in earlier stages, the matter is progressing as expected at this stage given the level of complexity involved in this type of transaction. The current state of this process does not present a risk to the acquisition not proceeding, rather a prudent approach is being taken to ensure due diligence in decision making by both parties who are committed through joint intentions regarding the acquisition of these 3 parcels. This includes the gathering of all necessary advice and information to progress the acquisition. Whilst this matter**

is of keen interest to our community, it is also subject to complex considerations to progress and complete the acquisition which are considered confidential.

- (3) This practice changed in September 2020 due to a change in the way we distribute the agendas to Councillors. Whilst the combined agenda is sometimes quite large it is in PDF format, and bookmarked. I will speak with the team to see if we can streamline that process to make it easier for the community to access.

- **Kirby, Preston**

- (1) Darebin Council has declared a Climate Emergency in acknowledgement of the urgency of change required to reduce impacts from human induced climate change. As part of the acknowledgement, Darebin's own Streets for People program cites transport emissions as a significant contributor to emissions within Darebin. In response the Streets for People program was seen as an initiative that could both foster mode shift to more sustainable transport, whilst improving safety and amenity for those who move through Darebin. Accordingly, the research revealed that 44 percent of trips under 2km within Darebin are travelled by car. Now with Covid-19 disrupting our travel patterns, and presenting a unique opportunity to both stay local and build back better is Council committed to the full implementation of the Streets for People program?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

This question will be taken on notice.

EXTENSION OF TIME

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 21-100

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

That the Public Question Time be extended for a further 30 minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Mayor advised that a question submitted by Julie of Preston had been disallowed pursuant to the Governance Rules and will not be read out this evening as it appears to be directed at individual Councillors and aimed at embarrassing a councillor(s).

- **Aaron Bond, Preston**

I am keen to understand how you are planning to work through the current issues with the proposed "high jacking" of the community led deliberative panel to create the "community vision" for the 2041 vision?

Is it appropriate that the Council in effect change the wording so significantly as to undermine the work being done by a representative group of the community?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

This matter is the subject of an urgent business tonight and I encourage to you stay for consideration of the matter.

6. PETITIONS

Nil

7. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

The following persons made submissions in relation to this item

- *Mitch Wall*
- *Justin Passaportis*

7.1 BELL STATION PRECINCT ENGAGEMENT REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Members of the Bell Residents Group (BRG) have been advocating to the State Government for changes to the design of the Bell Station precinct since 2018.

Council has also been advocating for the design to be changed to avoid the use of the local road network for car park access, by either changing design so that:

- the location of the commuter car park is to the western side of the railway line; or
- carpark access is from the main road (Bell Street).

Council's full advocacy position is outlined in *Preston Reconnected* (see **Appendix A**).

Despite this ongoing advocacy from Council and the community, the Level Crossing Removal Project (LXRP) further advised Council on 13 April 2021 that it does not intend to change the design of the new Bell Station commuter car park.

Residents have contacted Council seeking to ensure that the local roads are protected from commuter parking traffic. This has included requests for assistance with advocating to the state government, and a petition by residents was tabled at the Council meeting in December 2020, seeking the closure of local roads in the Bell Station Precinct.

To assess options for protecting local roads from commuter traffic, Council consulted with community on several possible changes to local roads. Consultation ran from mid-January 2021 to February 2021. Feedback from community highlights the strong community preference for the LXRP design to be changed to provide access via Blanch Street. The feedback also provided information about what Council could do in order to prevent commuter traffic using the local roads should the state government not ultimately change the design.

There remains time for the State Government to change the design. There are 18 months before the commuter car park is constructed and commuter parking traffic needs access. This report outlines options for advocacy to the Victorian Minister for Transport.

Currently, the local roads are in the control of the State government under provisions in the Major Transport Project Facilitation Act. This means that Council is not currently able to close local roads without approval by the State Government and LXP. These will be handed back to Council control after the project is completed at which point Council would be able to close local roads, although even then, it ultimately will require State Government support for any closures that would result in all Eastern access to the Carpark being closed and access relocate only to the West.

This report outlines 6 options for Council. Officers recommend that Council continues advocacy for the car park access to be from the West, including sharing the strong community feedback that it has received with the Minister, and starting the process towards closing local roads that would restrict access to Bell station car park to the West only (closing access from the East). If the State Government ultimately does not support this proposed change, Council could consider proceeding with other changes to the local roads to prevent commuter use at a later date, ready for when the commuter car park opens.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Amend page 15 of Preston Reconnected to add a bullet point after bullet point 4 that reads:
 - a. "That alternatively, the Bell Station commuter car park access is from Bell Street via Blanch Street (preferably), or Garnet Street, to ensure local street to the East are pedestrian priority."
- (2) Continue to advocate, with community, to state government to protect the local character of the streets. Including:
 - a. Call on the Minister for Transport to ensure:
 - i. The Bell Station commuter car park access to be relocated from Bell Street via Blanch Street to ensure local streets to the East are pedestrian priority.
 - ii. Detailed traffic modelling and road safety audit report are shared with officers.
 - b. Share the community feedback with the Victorian Minister for Transport Infrastructure, and all local Victorian Members of Parliament seeking that the designs be changed in line with the community feedback gathered by Council.
 - c. Seek a meeting between the Mayor and Minister for Transport Infrastructure.
 - d. Sign the Bell Residents Group petition "Go WEST at Bell Station".
- (3) Commence the formal process towards achieve road closures that will fully block access to the future Bell Station commuter car park from the East and advise LXP that Council will enable access from local roads at the West of Bell Station.
- (4) Thank the community for their feedback and advocacy on this matter.

Motion

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SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy

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- (4) Thank the community for their feedback and advocacy on this matter.
- (5) Seeks State Government approval to introduce no right hand turns signs on High Street for vehicles travelling south, on High Street into Adeline, Gertrude and Esther Streets, Showers and Warrs Streets.

The motion was put and carried

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 21-101**

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

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 PROPOSED DISCONTINUANCE AND SALE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY/ROAD ADJOINING THE REAR OF 1 TO 11 MERRILANDS ROAD, 4 TO 10 HUGHES PARADE AND 12 ASQUITH STREET, RESERVOIR

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to resolve the discontinuance of the right of way/road adjoining the rear of 1 to 11 Merrilands Road, 4 to 10 Hughes Parade and 12 Asquith Street, Reservoir and sell the land by private treaty to the adjoining property owners at 4 Hughes Parade, 8 Hughes Parade, 10 Hughes Parade, 5 Merrilands Road, 7 Merrilands Road and 12 Asquith Street, Reservoir.

<p>Officer Recommendation</p>

That Council:

Having given public notice of a proposal to discontinue the road adjoining the rear of 1 to 11 Merrilands Road, 4 to 10 Hughes Parade and 12 Asquith Street, Reservoir, shown hatched on **Appendix A** to this report, and having considered/heard the submissions from the owners of 1, 3, 5 & 11 Merrilands Road in accordance with section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*:

- (a) Has formed the opinion that the road shown in the statutory plan in **Appendix A** and coloured yellow on the aerial view in **Appendix B** to this report, is no longer required for road purposes;
- (b) Discontinues the road in accordance with section 206 and schedule 10, Clause 3 to the *Local Government Act 1989*;
- (c) Directs that a notice be published in the Victoria Government Gazette;
- (d) Directs that the land from the road be sold by private treaty to the owners of the adjoining properties at 8 Hughes Parade, 10 Hughes Parade, 5 Merrilands Road, 7 Merrilands Road and 12 Asquith Street, Reservoir in accordance with Council policy and transfer to itself any land from the road not sold to the adjoining property owners, in accordance with Council policy;
- (e) Directs that specifically having taken into consideration the submissions from the owners of 1 and 3 Merrilands Road, the land from the road be sold by private treaty to the owner of 4 Hughes Parade, Reservoir.
- (f) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign all documents relating to the sale of any land from the discontinued road to the owners of the adjoining properties and to do all other acts to enable any land from the Road not sold to the adjoining property owners to be transferred to Council; and
- (g) Directs that the discontinuance and sale will not affect any right, power or interest held by Yarra Valley Water and Darebin City Council, in the road in connection with any sewers, drains or pipes under the control of Yarra Valley Water and Darebin City Council in or near the road.
- (h) Directs that the Chief Executive Officer notify in writing each person who has made a separate submission of the decision of Council and the reasons for the decision, the reasons being:
 - (i) Council considers the road is not reasonably required as a road for public use
 - (ii) That Council considers it is acting in accordance with the functions and powers conferred on it under the Local Government Act 1989 (Vic), having regard to its role, purposes and objectives, particularly in relation to the efficient management of resources in Council's control and having regard to the long term occupation and use of the road.

Motion

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

That Council:

Having given public notice of a proposal to discontinue the road adjoining the rear of 1 to 11 Merrilands Road, 4 to 10 Hughes Parade and 12 Asquith Street, Reservoir, shown hatched on **Appendix A** to this report, and having considered/heard the submissions from the owners of 1, 3, 5 & 11 Merrilands Road in accordance with section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*:

- (a) Has formed the opinion that the road shown in the statutory plan in **Appendix A** and coloured yellow on the aerial view in **Appendix B** to this report, is no longer required for road purposes;
- (b) Discontinues the road in accordance with section 206 and schedule 10, Clause 3 to the *Local Government Act 1989*;
- (c) Directs that a notice be published in the Victoria Government Gazette;
- (d) Directs that the land from the road be sold by private treaty to the owners of the adjoining properties at 8 Hughes Parade, 10 Hughes Parade, 5 Merrilands Road, 7 Merrilands Road and 12 Asquith Street, Reservoir in accordance with Council policy and transfer to itself any land from the road not sold to the adjoining property owners, in accordance with Council policy;
- (e) Directs that specifically having taken into consideration the submissions from the owners of 1 and 3 Merrilands Road, that the land from the road located at the rear of 4 Hughes Parade and 1 & 3 Merrilands Road be divided in a fair and equitable manner and sold by private treaty to the owners of 4 Hughes Parade, 1 Merrilands Road and 3 Merrilands Road, in accordance with Council's Sale of Minor Council Property Assets Policy
- (f) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign all documents relating to the sale of any land from the discontinued road to the owners of the adjoining properties and to do all other acts to enable any land from the Road not sold to the adjoining property owners to be transferred to Council; and
- (g) Directs that the discontinuance and sale will not affect any right, power or interest held by Yarra Valley Water and Darebin City Council, in the road in connection with any sewers, drains or pipes under the control of Yarra Valley Water and Darebin City Council in or near the road.
- (h) Directs that the Chief Executive Officer notify in writing each person who has made a separate submission of the decision of Council and the reasons for the decision, the reasons being:
 - (i) Council considers the road is not reasonably required as a road for public use
 - (ii) That Council considers it is acting in accordance with the functions and powers conferred on it under the Local Government Act 1989 (Vic), having regard to its role, purposes and objectives, particularly in relation to the efficient management of resources in Council's control and having regard to the long term occupation and use of the road.

The motion was put and carried

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 21-102**

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

That Council:

Having given public notice of a proposal to discontinue the road adjoining the rear of 1 to 11 Merrilands Road, 4 to 10 Hughes Parade and 12 Asquith Street, Reservoir, shown hatched on **Appendix A** to this report, and having considered/heard the submissions from the owners of 1, 3, 5 & 11 Merrilands Road in accordance with section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*:

- (a) Has formed the opinion that the road shown in the statutory plan in **Appendix A** and coloured yellow on the aerial view in **Appendix B** to this report, is no longer required for road purposes;
- (b) Discontinues the road in accordance with section 206 and schedule 10, Clause 3 to the *Local Government Act 1989*;
- (c) Directs that a notice be published in the Victoria Government Gazette;
- (d) Directs that the land from the road be sold by private treaty to the owners of the adjoining properties at 8 Hughes Parade, 10 Hughes Parade, 5 Merrilands Road, 7 Merrilands Road and 12 Asquith Street, Reservoir in accordance with Council policy and transfer to itself any land from the road not sold to the adjoining property owners, in accordance with Council policy;
- (e) Directs that specifically having taken into consideration the submissions from the owners of 1 and 3 Merrilands Road, that the land from the road located at the rear of 4 Hughes Parade and 1 & 3 Merrilands Road be divided in a fair and equitable manner and sold by private treaty to the owners of 4 Hughes Parade, 1 Merrilands Road and 3 Merrilands Road, in accordance with Council's Sale of Minor Council Property Assets Policy
- (f) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign all documents relating to the sale of any land from the discontinued road to the owners of the adjoining properties and to do all other acts to enable any land from the Road not sold to the adjoining property owners to be transferred to Council; and
- (g) Directs that the discontinuance and sale will not affect any right, power or interest held by Yarra Valley Water and Darebin City Council, in the road in connection with any sewers, drains or pipes under the control of Yarra Valley Water and Darebin City Council in or near the road.
- (h) Directs that the Chief Executive Officer notify in writing each person who has made a separate submission of the decision of Council and the reasons for the decision, the reasons being:
 - (i) Council considers the road is not reasonably required as a road for public use
 - (ii) That Council considers it is acting in accordance with the functions and powers conferred on it under the Local Government Act 1989 (Vic), having regard to its role, purposes and objectives, particularly in relation to the efficient management of resources in Council's control and having regard to the long term occupation and use of the road.

CARRIED

For: Cr's. Dimitriadis, Greco, Hannan, Laurence, Messina, Newton and Williams (7)

Against: Cr's. McCarthy and Rennie (2)

7.3 PROPOSED ROAD DECLARATION REAR 137-143 STATION STREET, 100-104 ARTHUR STREET AND ADJOINING 2 DUNCAN STREET, FAIRFIELD

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this Report is to provide Council with the history and background information on the proposed road declaration of the right of way/road located at the rear of 137-143 Station Street, 100-104 Arthur Street and adjoining 2 Duncan Street, Fairfield (Road) under section 204(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989* (LGA), as being a road that is “*reasonably required for public use and to be open to public traffic*”. Specifically, and taking into consideration the recent submissions made by all submitters under section 223 of the LGA, including the property owners of 143 Station Street and 104 Arthur Street, Fairfield, for Council to consider whether or not it is of the opinion that the Road is reasonably required for public use and should be open to public traffic.

Officer Recommendation

That Council acting under section 204(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989 (Act)* and every other power given to Council enabling it to:

- 1) Having given public notice under sections 207A(c) and 223 of the *Act* and having taken into consideration the submissions made to Council, including at Council’s Hearing of Submissions Committee meeting held on 29 March 2021, hereby records that it is the opinion of Council that the section of road in Council’s municipal district which is shown coloured pink, green and yellow respectively on the site plan in **Appendix B** (section of road) is reasonably required for public use and is to be open to public traffic and, accordingly, hereby resolves, pursuant to section 204(2) of the *Act*, to declare the section of road to be reasonably required for public use and to be open to public traffic (declaration).
- 2) Acknowledges that, pursuant to section 204(3) of the *Act*, the section of road does not become a public highway by virtue of this declaration.
- 3) Further acknowledges that, pursuant to section 205(1)(b) of the *Act*, the section of road, as and from the date of this resolution, will be and become a road under the discretionary care and management of Council.
- 4) Directs that the Chief Executive Officer notify in writing each person who has made a separate submission of the decision of Council and the reasons for the decision, the reasons being that Council considers the section of road is reasonably required for public use and is to be open to public traffic.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis

SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council resolves to defer this item until June Council Meeting.

The motion was put and carried

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 21-103

MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis

SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council resolves to defer this item until June Council Meeting.

CARRIED

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

Against: Cr. Newton (1)

7.4 NAMING OF THE MULTI SPORTS STADIUM

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides information on the outcome of the statutory process for the proposed naming of the Multi Sports Stadium (MSS), 281 Darebin Road, Thornbury and recommends that Council endorse the naming recommendation for MSS to be named, and to lodge the renaming proposal with the Geographic Names Victoria (GNV).

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

Having completed the statutory process in accordance with the requirements of the *Geographic Place Name Act 1998* and the Names rules for places in Victoria – Statutory requirements for naming roads, features and localities 2016; and; given public notice of the voting poll in *The Age* newspaper:

- (1) Endorses the preferred name from the voting poll results, for the stadium to be name Narrandjeri Stadium;
- (2) Delegates the Manager, Property and Business Improvement to lodge the application to the Geographic Names Victoria for the naming of the Multi Sports Stadium to Narrandjeri Stadium;
- (3) Implements a comprehensive communication and engagement plan to ensure the community is well informed about the next steps in the naming process.
- (4) Writes to the Wurundjeri Council to advise of this decision and thank them for their support to date.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 21-104

MOVED: Cr. S Rennie
SECONDED: Cr. E Dimitriadis

That Council:

Having completed the statutory process in accordance with the requirements of the *Geographic Place Name Act 1998* and the Names rules for places in Victoria – Statutory requirements for naming roads, features and localities 2016; and; given public notice of the voting poll in *The Age* newspaper:

- (1) Endorses the preferred name from the voting poll results, for the stadium to be name Narrandjeri Stadium;
- (2) Delegates the Manager, Property and Business Improvement to lodge the application to the Geographic Names Victoria for the naming of the Multi Sports Stadium to Narrandjeri Stadium;
- (3) Implements a comprehensive communication and engagement plan to ensure the community is well informed about the next steps in the naming process.
- (4) Writes to the Wurundjeri Council to advise of this decision and thank them for their support to date.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.5

**DAREBIN CREEK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Formed in 2001, the Darebin Creek Management Committee (DCMC) undertakes environmental management works, education and advocacy within the Darebin Creek Catchment. Council and DCMC are jointly committed to managing, protecting, promoting and ensuring the long-term viability of the Darebin Creek and its environs.

In order to honour the ongoing relationship and alignment between both parties, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been drafted, using the previously approved MOU as a base, which outlines key principles, responsibilities and desired outcomes for the partnership over the next twelve months.

Officer Recommendation

That Council notes the proposed Memorandum of Understanding for 2021/2022 with the Darebin Creek Management Committee.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 21-105

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

That Council notes the proposed Memorandum of Understanding for 2021/2022 with the Darebin Creek Management Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Newton advised Council, that whilst she owned property in the subject area of the following Item she did so in common with approx. 1000 property owners and had formed the view that her interest does not exceed that of the interests held by other residents, ratepayers and electors.

7.6 THORBURY PARK ESTATE - APPLICATION OF A HERITAGE OVERLAY - PROPOSED PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C191

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has a duty under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to identify and protect local heritage via the planning scheme. Protecting local heritage has positive social impacts by creating connection to local places through protection and understanding of local social and architectural history.

Heritage consultants have carried out a detailed heritage study for the 'Thornbury Park Estate', following a Council resolution on 22 July 2019 to prepare a planning scheme amendment to introduce permanent heritage controls (heritage overlay) to the Estate. *The Thornbury Park Estate Precinct Heritage Study (RBA consultants)* has found the area to be of local heritage significance and warranting a heritage overlay. To implement the findings of the study, officers recommend commencing a planning scheme amendment to apply a permanent Heritage Overlay to the area.

Community engagement will occur as part of the planning scheme amendment exhibition process which will go beyond the standard requirements to also include community drop-in sessions, online content and providing information to landowners. This is to ensure the affected community understand the reasons why a heritage overlay is proposed, and what it could mean for them.

Increasing development pressure in the area has put the heritage significance of the precinct at risk of being eroded and therefore timely action is required. Officers recommend that Council also request that the Minister for Planning apply an interim heritage overlay to all properties of 'contributory' and 'significant' heritage value (not including those properties with no identified contributory fabric), including the church manse, at the same time as initiating the amendment process for a permanent heritage overlay. This is needed to ensure that heritage fabric is protected over the next 12-18 months while the planning scheme amendment process (for permanent heritage overlay) is underway.

The heritage overlay will trigger the requirement for a planning permit to assess how any proposed development will affect heritage values of the area. This will help to protect significant heritage fabric within the precinct, and it will continue to allow for sensitive alterations and additions, and redevelopment of non-contributory properties in the area.

Officer Recommendation**That Council:**

- (1) Requests the Minister for Planning authorise the preparation and exhibition of Amendment C191dare to the Darebin Planning Scheme, pursuant to section 8A of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (**Appendix B**)
- (2) When authorised by the Minister for Planning, exhibits Amendment C191dare to the Darebin Planning Scheme in accordance with notice requirements under section 19 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*
- (3) Seeks community and stakeholder feedback as part of the exhibition period, on the proposed changes to the planning scheme to implement the *Thornbury Park Estate Precinct* heritage study (**Appendix A**).
- (4) Requests the Minister for Planning prepare and approve Amendment C197 to apply an interim heritage overlay to the Darebin Planning Scheme, pursuant to section 20(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*(**Appendix C**)
- (5) Authorises the Manager City Futures to make minor alterations and corrections, where necessary, to Amendment C191 and Amendment C197 material as attached at **Appendix A, B and C**

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 21-106**

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

That Council:

- (1) Requests the Minister for Planning authorise the preparation and exhibition of Amendment C191dare to the Darebin Planning Scheme, pursuant to section 8A of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (**Appendix B**)
- (2) When authorised by the Minister for Planning, exhibits Amendment C191dare to the Darebin Planning Scheme in accordance with notice requirements under section 19 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*
- (3) Seeks community and stakeholder feedback as part of the exhibition period, on the proposed changes to the planning scheme to implement the *Thornbury Park Estate Precinct* heritage study (**Appendix A**).
- (4) Requests the Minister for Planning prepare and approve Amendment C197 to apply an interim heritage overlay to the Darebin Planning Scheme, pursuant to section 20(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*(**Appendix C**)
- (5) Authorises the Manager City Futures to make minor alterations and corrections, where necessary, to Amendment C191 and Amendment C197 material as attached at **Appendix A, B and C**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.7

HEIDELBERG ROAD CORRIDOR PLANNING PROJECT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In recent years, there has been an increase in development pressure along Heidelberg Road, spurred by the redevelopment of the former Alphington Paper Mill (APM) site, and the local community have raised concerns about the scale of development applications. At present there are no specific design controls and new planning controls are being prepared to guide development and provide greater certainty about how buildings and development can occur. The Heidelberg Road Corridor Planning Project, being at the border of Darebin and Yarra Councils, takes a 'whole corridor' approach, with a shared vision for the future of corridor, captured in the draft Heidelberg Road Corridor Local Area Plan to guide each Council's individual planning scheme amendments. The three commercial precincts on the Darebin side of the road are the focus of this planning review.

A significant amount of strategic work has been undertaken over the past 16 months on economics, built form, heritage and transport which provides the rationale for the proposed planning approach.

This report presents proposed draft planning response for the north side of Heidelberg Road and recommends consulting with community. The proposed draft planning response includes:

- Applying design controls (e.g. height limits and setbacks) to introduce built form guidance and protect residential amenity; and
- Applying heritage controls to protect several identified heritage properties.
- Rezoning of industrial zone to another employment zone (Commercial 2 and Commercial 3 Zones) to attract a slightly wider range of jobs whilst still retaining it as primarily employment land.

Engagement with the community and stakeholders is proposed to be undertaken in May 2021. Council will then consider community feedback, and whether any changes are required to the proposed planning approach, before proceeding to a planning scheme amendment.

The Fairfield Rail Spur site is owned by the State Government and falls within the wider study area, but it is not in the three commercial precincts which are the subject of this planning review and will not be addressed by the amendment. This land is zoned for State Government public transport purposes and any change at this site would be considered by the State Government in future. Council's draft Local Area Plan (LAP) highlights future opportunities of this site at a high level only including for inclusion of open space and a pedestrian and cycling path, which Council has long advocated for.

Officer Recommendation

That Council engage the community on the proposed planning response for the Heidelberg Road Corridor, including the Draft Heidelberg Road Corridor Local Area Plan (**Appendix B**) and background studies (**Appendix C, D and E**).

Motion

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

That Council:

1. Engage the community on the proposed planning response for the Heidelberg Road Corridor, including the Draft Heidelberg Road Corridor Local Area Plan (**Appendix B**) and background studies (**Appendix C, D and E**).
2. In the engagement, consult also on a second option that varies the proposed response to:
 - a. retain the current industrial zones, and
 - b. make the maximum overall building heights and street wall heights mandatory
 - c. ask relevant stakeholders what they recommend the maximum building heights and street wall heights should be
3. Report back to Council on community feedback and technical advice in regards to both options

The motion was put and carried

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 21-107**

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

That Council:

1. Engage the community on the proposed planning response for the Heidelberg Road Corridor, including the Draft Heidelberg Road Corridor Local Area Plan (**Appendix B**) and background studies (**Appendix C, D and E**).
2. In the engagement, consult also on a second option that varies the proposed response to:
 - a. retain the current industrial zones, and
 - b. make the maximum overall building heights and street wall heights mandatory
 - c. ask relevant stakeholders what they recommend the maximum building heights and street wall heights should be
3. Report back to Council on community feedback and technical advice in regards to both options

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.8

DRAFT REVENUE AND RATING PLAN 2021-2025

The *Local Government Act 2020* requires each council to prepare a Revenue and Rating Plan to cover a minimum period of four years following each Council election. The Revenue and Rating Plan establishes the revenue raising framework within which Council proposes to work.

The purpose of the Revenue and Rating Plan is to determine the most appropriate and affordable revenue and rating approach for the City of Darebin which in conjunction with other income sources will adequately finance the objectives in the council plan.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the draft Rating and Revenue Plan 2021–25 to proceed to community exhibition;
- (2) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to give notice in accordance with section 93 of the *Local Government Act 2020* of Council's intention to adopt, at a Council meeting proposed to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 28 June 2021, the Revenue and Rating Plan 2021-25 (**Appendix A**).

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 21-108**

MOVED: Cr. G Greco
SECONDED: Cr. J Williams

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the draft Rating and Revenue Plan 2021–25 to proceed to community exhibition;
- (2) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to give notice in accordance with section 93 of the *Local Government Act 2020* of Council's intention to adopt, at a Council meeting proposed to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 28 June 2021, the Revenue and Rating Plan 2021-25 (**Appendix A**).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7.9 DECLARATION OF A SPECIAL CHARGE: SOLAR SAVER
RESIDENTIAL (BATCH 7)**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Solar Saver program is a key action of the Council Plan and Council's *Climate Emergency Plan*.

The report considers the declaration of a Special Charge Scheme. This is for Residential Special Charge Batch 7, including **14** installations, adding **57.75 kW** of solar capacity to Darebin.

The value of the proposed Special Charge scheme is **\$74,622.23 excl. GST**. This price is calculated pre-rebate, but after STC claim and excl. GST. (The gross amount, pre-rebate, pre-STC and incl. GST is \$106,877.35).

Council will pay upfront for installation and supply of the solar power systems at properties as listed in **Appendix A**. Council will be repaid these costs, as detailed in **Appendix B**. Around 30-40% of the gross cost is returned to Council at the point that works are invoiced for the STCs generated by the solar systems. Most participants are eligible for state government rebates and this will reduce the upfront cost to Council and the amount of the Special Charge that would be raised. Officers estimate that the total amount raised will be \$57,804.03 excl. GST.

No interest is charged on Special Charge repayments. Annual repayments are more than offset by participants' savings on their energy bills, and therefore the program provides financial and environmental benefits to participants.

This report recommends that Council declare a Special Charge Scheme under section 163 of the Local Government Act 1989 for the purposes of defraying expenses relating to the provision of solar energy systems on non-residential properties participating in the Solar Saver scheme. No objections were received in response to the public notification process.

Officer Recommendation**That Council:**

- (1) Having complied with the requirements of sections 163A, 163B and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* ("Act"), and otherwise according to law, declares a Special Charge ("Special Charge") under section 163 of the Act as follows:
 - a) A Special Charge is declared for the period commencing on the day on which Council issues a notice levying payment of the special rate and concluding on the tenth anniversary of that day.
 - b) The Special Charge is declared for the purpose of defraying any expense incurred by Council in relation to the provision of solar energy systems on properties participating in the Solar Saver scheme, which:
 - i. Council considers is or will be a special benefit to those persons required to pay the Special Charge (and who are described in succeeding parts of this resolution); and
 - ii. Arises out of Council's functions of advocating and promoting proposals which are in the best interests of the community and ensuring the peace, order and good government of Council's municipal district.
 - c) The total:
 - i. Cost of performing the function described in paragraph 1(b) of this resolution is \$74,622.23; and
 - ii. Amount for the Special Charge to be levied is \$74,622.23, or such other amount as is lawfully levied as a consequence of this resolution
 - d) The Special Charge is declared in relation to all rateable land described in the table included as confidential **Appendix B** to this report, in the amount specified in the table as applying to each piece of rateable land.
 - e) The following list is specified as the criteria that form the basis of the Special Charge so declared:
 - Ownership of any land described in paragraph 1(d) of this resolution.
 - f) The following is specified as the manner in which the Special Charge so declared will be assessed and levied:
 - i. A Special Charge calculated by reference to the size of the solar energy system being installed and the particular costs of installation at each property participating in the Solar Saver scheme, in respect of which an Agreement has been executed, totalling \$74,622.23 for the residential batch, being the total cost of the scheme to Council
 - ii. To be levied each year for a period of 10 years.
 - g) Having regard to the preceding paragraphs of this resolution and subject to section 166(1) of the Act, let it be recorded that the owners of the land described in paragraph 1(d) of this resolution will pay the Special Charge in the amount set out in paragraph 1(f) of this resolution in the following manner:
 - i. Payment annually by a lump sum on or before one month following the issue by Council of a notice levying payment under section 163(4) of the Act; or

- ii. Payment annually by four instalments to be paid by the dates which are fixed by Council in a notice levying payment under section 163(4) of the Act.
- (2) Considers that there will be a special benefit to those required to pay the Special Charge *because* there will be a benefit to them that is over and above, or greater than, the benefit that is available to those who are not subject to the proposed Special Charge, as a result of the expenditure proposed by the Special Charge, in that the properties will have the benefit of a solar energy system being installed.
- (3) For the *purposes* of having determined the total amount of the Special Charge to be levied:
- a) Considers and formally records that only those rateable properties included in the Solar Saver scheme as proposed will derive a special benefit from the imposition of the Special Charge, and there are no community benefits to be paid by Council; and
 - b) Formally determines for the purposes of section 163(2)(a), (2A) and (2B) of the Act that the estimated proportion of the total benefits of the Special Charge to which the performance of the function or the exercise of the power relates (including all special benefits and community benefits) that will accrue as special benefits to those who are liable to pay the Special Charge is 100%.
- (4) Directs that notice be given to all owners and occupiers of properties included in the Scheme in writing of the decision of Council to declare and levy the Special Charge, and the reasons for the decision. For the purposes of this paragraph, the reasons for the decision of Council to declare the Special Charge are that:
- a) There is no objection to the Scheme and it is otherwise considered that there is a broad level of support for the Special Charge from all property owners and occupiers.
 - b) Council considers that it is acting in accordance with the functions and powers conferred on it under the *Local Government Act 1989*, having regard to its role, purposes and objectives under the Act, particularly in relation to its functions of advocating and promoting proposals which are in the best interests of the community and ensuring the peace, order and good government of Council's municipal district.
 - c) All those who are liable or required to pay the Special Charge and the properties respectively owned or occupied by them will receive a special benefit of a solar energy system being installed at the property.

Where a participant wishes to withdraw from the Scheme, agrees to such withdrawal where the participant has given written notice of their desire to withdraw from the Scheme before Council has incurred any expenditure in relation to the participant's solar system.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 21-109

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. J Williams

That Council:

- (1) Having complied with the requirements of sections 163A, 163B and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* ("Act"), and otherwise according to law, declares a Special Charge ("Special Charge") under section 163 of the Act as follows:
 - a) A Special Charge is declared for the period commencing on the day on which Council issues a notice levying payment of the special rate and concluding on the tenth anniversary of that day.
 - b) The Special Charge is declared for the purpose of defraying any expense incurred by Council in relation to the provision of solar energy systems on properties participating in the Solar Saver scheme, which:
 - i. Council considers is or will be a special benefit to those persons required to pay the Special Charge (and who are described in succeeding parts of this resolution); and
 - ii. Arises out of Council's functions of advocating and promoting proposals which are in the best interests of the community and ensuring the peace, order and good government of Council's municipal district.
 - c) The total:
 - i. Cost of performing the function described in paragraph 1(b) of this resolution is \$74,622.23; and
 - ii. Amount for the Special Charge to be levied is \$74,622.23, or such other amount as is lawfully levied as a consequence of this resolution
 - d) The Special Charge is declared in relation to all rateable land described in the table included as confidential **Appendix B** to this report, in the amount specified in the table as applying to each piece of rateable land.
 - e) The following list is specified as the criteria that form the basis of the Special Charge so declared:
 - Ownership of any land described in paragraph 1(d) of this resolution.
 - f) The following is specified as the manner in which the Special Charge so declared will be assessed and levied:
 - i. A Special Charge calculated by reference to the size of the solar energy system being installed and the particular costs of installation at each property participating in the Solar Saver scheme, in respect of which an Agreement has been executed, totalling \$74,622.23 for the residential batch, being the total cost of the scheme to Council
 - ii. To be levied each year for a period of 10 years.
 - g) Having regard to the preceding paragraphs of this resolution and subject to section 166(1) of the Act, let it be recorded that the owners of the land described in paragraph 1(d) of this resolution will pay the Special Charge in the amount set out in paragraph 1(f) of this resolution in the following manner:
 - i. Payment annually by a lump sum on or before one month following the issue by Council of a notice levying payment under section 163(4) of the Act; or

- ii. Payment annually by four instalments to be paid by the dates which are fixed by Council in a notice levying payment under section 163(4) of the Act.
- (2) Considers that there will be a special benefit to those required to pay the Special Charge *because* there will be a benefit to them that is over and above, or greater than, the benefit that is available to those who are not subject to the proposed Special Charge, as a result of the expenditure proposed by the Special Charge, in that the properties will have the benefit of a solar energy system being installed.
- (3) For the *purposes* of having determined the total amount of the Special Charge to be levied:
- a) Considers and formally records that only those rateable properties included in the Solar Saver scheme as proposed will derive a special benefit from the imposition of the Special Charge, and there are no community benefits to be paid by Council; and
 - b) Formally determines for the purposes of section 163(2)(a), (2A) and (2B) of the Act that the estimated proportion of the total benefits of the Special Charge to which the performance of the function or the exercise of the power relates (including all special benefits and community benefits) that will accrue as special benefits to those who are liable to pay the Special Charge is 100%.
- (4) Directs that notice be given to all owners and occupiers of properties included in the Scheme in writing of the decision of Council to declare and levy the Special Charge, and the reasons for the decision. For the purposes of this paragraph, the reasons for the decision of Council to declare the Special Charge are that:
- a) There is no objection to the Scheme and it is otherwise considered that there is a broad level of support for the Special Charge from all property owners and occupiers.
 - b) Council considers that it is acting in accordance with the functions and powers conferred on it under the *Local Government Act 1989*, having regard to its role, purposes and objectives under the Act, particularly in relation to its functions of advocating and promoting proposals which are in the best interests of the community and ensuring the peace, order and good government of Council's municipal district.
 - c) All those who are liable or required to pay the Special Charge and the properties respectively owned or occupied by them will receive a special benefit of a solar energy system being installed at the property.

Where a participant wishes to withdraw from the Scheme, agrees to such withdrawal where the participant has given written notice of their desire to withdraw from the Scheme before Council has incurred any expenditure in relation to the participant's solar system.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.10

RESIDENT PARKING PERMIT POLICY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The management of parking is an essential but complex task involving balancing competing demands, particularly in areas where supply is limited. Making access to on street parking for some people in busy areas can mean it is harder for others.

Parking management can positively impact local trade and improve access to services. The knock-on effects of good parking management include improved look and feel of an area, reduced traffic congestion and improved road safety.

This report responds to a Notice of Motion from 22 March 2021 which requested a report outlining the cost, timeframe, processes and potential issues relating to reviewing the Parking Permit Policy. It is noted that the draft four year Council Plan, endorsed by Council on 8 April 2021 after the Notice of Motion was determined includes an action to review the Parking Permit Policy.

The information provided in this report is preliminary. Officers advise that any consideration of changes to Councils current Parking Permit arrangements should be informed by fulsome evidenced based data and research analysis and community engagement which is contemplated by the draft Council Plan.

As a result, whilst this report provides initial, preliminary advice to respond to the Notice of Motion, at this time it is recommended that Council note the advice and take no further action until the community engagement for the Council Plan has been completed and the final Council Plan has been formally adopted by Council.

Officer Recommendation

That Council notes the report.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis
SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That Council note this report and ensures the report comes back to Council after community consultation for the Council Plan is completed.

The motion was put and carried

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 21-110**

MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis
SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That Council note this report and ensures the report comes back to Council after community consultation for the Council Plan is completed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.11

GOVERNANCE REPORT - APRIL 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Governance Report has been initiated as a regular report to Council to provide a single reporting mechanism for a range of statutory compliance, transparency and Governance matters.

This is in accordance with best practice, good governance principles, transparent and accountable reporting of governance activities and to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Act, Council's Governance Rules and related Regulations.

The matters covered under Governance Report for the month of April 2021 are:

- Summary of Advisory Committees, Councillor Briefing and other informal meetings of Councillors;
- Reports by Mayor and Councillors;
- Responses to the questions taken on notice during Public Question Time at the Council Meetings held on 22 March 2021 and 8 April 2021;
- Reports of Standing Committee – Summary Report of Hearing of Submissions Committee meeting held on 29 March 2021;
- Proposal to hold a Hearing of Submissions Committee on Monday 31 May 2021 at 6.00pm at the Preston Town Hall, 284 Gower Street, Preston.
- The completion of the Councillor Induction Training pursuant to Section 32 of the Local Government Act 2020

The Manager, Governance & Corporate Strategy advised Council that an additional point 8 has been added to the Officer Recommendation to read

8. *Holds a Special Council Meeting on Monday 10 May 2021 at 6.00 pm to deal with a report relating to the Council Plan and Financial Plan*

The Officer Recommendation below reflects this change

Officer Recommendation**That Council:**

1. Notes the Governance Report – April 2021
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 responses to the questions taken on notice during Public Question Time at the Council meeting held on 22 March 2021, at Appendix B to this report.
5. Receives the Summary Report of the Hearing of Submissions Committee meeting held on 29 March 2021 and adopts the Committee Recommendations, at Appendix C to this Report.
6. Resolves to hold a Hearing of Submissions Committee on Monday 31 May 2021 at 6.00pm at the Preston Town Hall, 284 Gower Street, Preston.
7. Notes the completion of the Councillor Induction Training pursuant to Section 32 of the Local Government Act 2020 and the formal declaration by each Councillor before the Chief Executive Officer stating they have completed the training.
8. Resolves to hold a Special Council Meeting on Monday 10 May 2021 at 6.00pm at the Preston Town Hall, 284 Gower Street, Preston to deal with a report relating to the Council Plan and Financial Plan.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 21-111**

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

That Council:

1. Notes the Governance Report – April 2021
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 responses to the questions taken on notice during Public Question Time at the Council meeting held on 22 March 2021, at Appendix B to this report.
5. Receives the Summary Report of the Hearing of Submissions Committee meeting held on 29 March 2021 and adopts the Committee Recommendations, at Appendix C to this Report.
6. Resolves to hold a Hearing of Submissions Committee on Monday 31 May 2021 at 6.00pm at the Preston Town Hall, 284 Gower Street, Preston.
7. Notes the completion of the Councillor Induction Training pursuant to Section 32 of the Local Government Act 2020 and the formal declaration by each Councillor before the Chief Executive Officer stating they have completed the training.
8. Resolves to hold a Special Council Meeting on Monday 10 May 2021 at 6.00pm at the Preston Town Hall, 284 Gower Street, Preston to deal with a report relating to the Council Plan and Financial Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT OF CR. LINA MESSINA, MAYOR

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

- Northcote City Football Game
- Film recording for the Council Plan and Budget
- Preston Lions Game Opening
- Northcote versus Moreland Soccer Game
- Preston Bullants Flag Raising
- Darebin Falcons Opening Event
- Inquiry into Environmental Infrastructure for Growing Populations
- Meetings with all Councillors - online and in person
- Meeting with Deliberative Panel and Councillors
- CEO Employment Committee Meeting with Independent Chair
- Councillor Briefings - multiple
- One on One with Councillor Newton
- Reservoir Revitalisation Board Briefing
- Greek Independence Day Celebration - Flag Raising Event
- Inquiry into Environmental Infrastructure for Growing Populations
- Regent Centre Community Gardens Launch
- Melbourne Farmers Market Morning Tea
- Lord Mayor's Neighbouring Mayors' Meeting
- Mayoral COVID Briefing with Minister Leanne
- Turing of the Sod Ceremony with The Hon. Gabrielle Williams - Fitzroy Stars Football
- Reservoir Suburban Revitalisation Board meeting
- Regular Meeting with the CEO
- Community meeting with John Villela – Cramer Street Matter
- Mayor Messina, Darebin City Council and Frances Coppolillo, CE - Melbourne Polytechnic
- Mayor and Councillor McCarthy Meeting
- Regular meeting with all Councillors
- Melbourne City and Melbourne Victory Game
- Melbourne Italian Festival Event
- Northern Bullants VS Williamstown Presidents Luncheon
- Melbourne Transport Forum Meetings
- Annual General Meeting for the Bridge
- Meeting with DIVRS
- Discussion with Mayor Messina, Karen Large and Ann Sanson from Darebin Climate Action Now

- Your Council & Climate Change: Understanding the risks & learning to adapt' training
- Mayor Messina and Ruth Jelley Meeting
- Salvation Army ANZAC Day Service and Concert
- Darebin RSL - Committee Breakfast
- Minister for Early Childhood visit to Annie Dennis Children's Centre, Northcote.

REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO

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

- Lunch with President of the Fitzroy Stars Football Club
- Council Briefing
- Planning Committee Meeting
- CEO Employment Meeting
- Darebin Nature Trust
- Memorial and Monuments Committee Meeting
- Stakeholder Engagement Session with Victorian Multicultural Commission
- Hearing if Submissions Meeting
- Attended to resident's concerns regarding traffic, planning and council processes

REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS

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

- Councillor briefing x3
- A Fight for Survival: An Exhibition and Gathering - Northern College of the Arts and Technology
- Your Community Health - East Reservoir site visit
- Ganbu Gulin: One Mob Film Launch
- Fuse Festival opening event
- Enlightenment play - Fuse Festival
- Councillor meeting x2
- International Women's Day rally and march
- Planning Committee meeting
- Council Plan/Annual Budget Councillor Workshop
- Illuminate Reservoir Edwardes street
- Northland Youth hub end of term celebration
- Lunch with Fitzroy all stars
- Art presentation Reservoir community
- Multicultural International Womens day and commemoration year of the Greek Independence day
- Raising of the flag women's bullants

- Planning Committee
- Stakeholder Engagement Session
- Ramadan tournament by Somali week and Himilo at PRACE
- 10th Anniversary of Damayan Victoria Inc
- Watch the Somali girls play the first round of Basketball YMCA
- Northern Blues VS Williamstown president's luncheon
- CEO Employment Committee
- 3 x Councillor Briefing
- Meeting with the Deliberative Panel and Councillors
- Anzac Day Dawn Service
- 4 x Councillors catch up
- Council meeting
- Uni Journalist interview regarding Louise Goode, Domestic Animal Management Plan,
- Planning concerns

REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE

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

- Attended RSL memorial opening of plaque at Cherry Rd MacLeod to recognise patients of mont park who served in WW1.
- Opened art exhibition at Bundoora homestead.
- Attended DNT meeting Preston
- Attended councillor training session
- Attended councillor briefing session
- Attended council meeting
- Attended planning meeting
- Council meeting February Preston
- Council meeting March reservoir
- Planning meeting Preston
- Planning meeting Preston
- Council budget briefings (various)
- Stake holder dinner Melbourne water
- Stakeholder dinner VMC Resident planning consultation Reservoir
- Northland secondary college (FUUSE event)
- Preston lions event BT Connor Reserve Reservoir
- Thornbury Theatre event Thornbury
- Strathallan Golf Club consultation
- Somali girls sports event at Merrilands Community Centre Reservoir

REPORT OF CR. SUSANNE NEWTON

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

- Meetings with all Councillors - online and in person
- Meeting with Deliberative Panel and Councillors
- CEO Employment Committee Meeting with Independent Chair
- Councillor Briefings - multiple
- Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) Board Meeting
- One on one with Mayor Messina
- Visit to 1 Union Street, Preston development site with local residents
- Fitzroy Stars - lunch and season launch
- Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) Governance and Risk Committee Meeting
- Stakeholder Engagement Session with Victorian Multicultural Commission
- Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) Board Planning Day
- Interview with university student Jessica about Darebin Falcons and increasing women's participation in sport
- Interview with university journalism student Madeline about women's experience in politics
- Trans Day of Visibility Celebration - Thornbury Bowls Club
- Hearing of Submissions meeting
- Regent Community Garden Launch
- TAKEBACK! multi-platform arts project, Northcote Town Hall
- Spanish Celebration, Newlands Primary School
- Mentor session with Olivia, recent graduate from the University of Melbourne

REPORT OF CR. SUSAN RENNIE

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

- Council meeting
- Take Back at NTH Arts
- Council briefing
- Hearing of submissions
- Councillor dinner
- Workshop to plan MPHP session with VLGS
- Trans Day of visibility event at Thornbury Bowls Club
- Councillor briefing
- Stakeholder engagement session

- Council meeting
- Council briefing
- Reference Material NTH Arts
- Ramadan Himalo Opening Ceremony Somali basketball tournament
- Councillor only meeting
- Briefing session
- CEO Employment matters committee
- Councillors weekly Teams meeting
- Local Government Working Group on Gambling
- VLGA Councillor MPHP session (as a presenter)
- Everyone is Famous NTH Arts
- Meeting with the Deliberative Panel
- Councillor only meeting

REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY

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

- Meetings with all Councillors - online and in person
- Meeting with Deliberative Panel and Councillors
- CEO Employment Committee Meeting with Independent Chair
- Councillor Briefings - multiple
- Planning Committee meeting
- One on one with the Mayor
- One on one with the CEO
- Interview with university student Oliver about planning, climate and the future of Darebin
- Hearing of Submissions Committee meeting
- Darebin Nature Trust Meeting
- NAGA Advocacy Working Group
- Melbourne Innovation Centre Board Meeting
- Climate Emergency Australia meetings
- Meeting with community members regarding cat management and No Kill commitments
- Reimagining Community Open Space workshop

REPORT OF CR. EMILY DIMITRIADIS

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

- Attended Council briefings
- Contact from residents about parking permits and the Nightingale development

- Contact from Fairfield Primary School Principal and parents about the unsupervised pedestrian crossing
- Contact (online/telephone) with residents about overdevelopment on Heidelberg Rd.
- Attended DECC meeting
- Attended International Women's Day event at Normanby House
- Attended Aboriginal Women's and Girls Sport and Wellness Centre project start at the Fitzroy Stars Football and Netball club
- Attended briefing on home care packages
- Attended Council meeting 8 April
- Attended Flag raising ceremony at Darebin Council for the Greek bicentennial
- Attended St John's College event for Greek Independence Day
- Meeting with Fairfield trader
- Attended Alphington Farmers Market celebration
- Attended lunch with Fitzroy Stars
- Attended meeting with Deliberative Panel
- Attended CEO employment Committee meeting
- Attended Battle of Crete at the Shrine of Remembrance
- Attended Northcote City
- Attended Olympic Society social event in Thornbury

REPORT OF CR. TOM HANNAN

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

- Contact (phone / online) with residents about their concerns, eg, pop-up bike lane on South Crescent, Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre, Darebin Parklands, recycling, electric vehicles, Johnson Park, netball courts at Northcote High School, tree planting, parking, planning applications.
- Met with resident to hear concerns about protection of indigenous vegetation along Merri Creek
- Met Deliberative Panel along with other councillors to discuss the 2021 Vision Statement
- Councillor briefing sessions
- Stakeholder meeting with Victorian Multicultural Commission
- Audit and Risk Committee meeting
- Darebin Nature Trust meeting
- CEO Employment Matters Committee meeting
- Council meetings
- Meetings with Mayor and other councillors

8. CONSIDERATION OF RESPONSES TO PETITIONS, NOTICES OF MOTION AND GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

9. NOTICES OF MOTION**9.1 CRAMER STREET (WEST)**

Councillor: Gaetano GRECO

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 26 April 2021, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

- (1) Proceeds with a trial pop up park on James St between Cramer and Hope Streets as planned in Council's 2020-21 budget;
- (2) Implements a trial of signage seeking to deter non-local traffic from entering Cramer Street (West) and this precinct;
- (3) Does not proceed with construction of two pinch points on Cramer Street (West) in the 2020-21 financial year and instead undertakes further investigation of other treatments to achieve the same purpose;
- (4) Receives a report at a future Council meeting on the options for timing and scope of these further investigations.'

Motion

MOVED: Cr. G. Greco
SECONDED: Cr. J. Williams

That Council:

- (1) Proceeds with a trial pop up park on James St between Cramer and Hope Streets as planned in Council's 2020-21 budget;
- (2) Implements a trial of signage seeking to deter non-local traffic from entering Cramer Street (West) and this precinct;
- (3) Does not proceed with construction of two pinch points on Cramer Street (West) in the 2020-21 financial year and instead undertakes further investigation of other treatments to achieve the same purpose;
- (4) Receives a report at a future Council meeting on the options for timing and scope of these further investigations.'

The motion was put and carried

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 21-112

MOVED: Cr. G Greco
SECONDED: Cr. J Williams

That Council:

- (1) Proceeds with a trial pop up park on James St between Cramer and Hope Streets as planned in Council's 2020-21 budget;
- (2) Implements a trial of signage seeking to deter non-local traffic from entering Cramer Street (West) and this precinct;
- (3) Does not proceed with construction of two pinch points on Cramer Street (West) in the 2020-21 financial year and instead undertakes further investigation of other treatments to achieve the same purpose;
- (4) Receives a report at a future Council meeting on the options for timing and scope of these further investigations.'

CARRIED

For: Cr's. Dimitriadis, Greco, Laurence, Messina, and Williams (5)

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

10. URGENT BUSINESS

The Mayor Cr. Lina Messina advised Council that she had submitted an Item of Urgent Business regarding the Community Vision and Deliberative Panel pursuant to the Governance Rules which has been accepted by the Chief Executive Officer and distributed to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

8.26 pm The Mayor invited the Deputy Mayor to take the Chair, to allow her to move the item of Urgent Business.

8.27 pm Deputy Mayor Cr. Greco assumed the Chair.

ADMISSION OF URGENT BUSINESS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 21-113

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

That an Urgent Business item relating to Community Vision and Deliberative Panel be admitted to the agenda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.1 COMMUNITY VISION AND DELIBERATIVE PANEL

Urgent Business Motion

That Council

- Acknowledges the contribution and excellent work undertaken to date by the deliberative panel to develop the draft Community Vision
- Note that all future meetings of the Panel are planned to be in person and the session on 2 May 2021 will focus on the draft Community Vision in response to requests for more time on this important work.
- Provide Council's changes to the Community Vision adopted on 8 April 2021 as a submission to the Panel to be considered against their draft Community Vision, rather than a change to their work.
- Determines to send the panel's draft Community Vision for further consultation to the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee, Wurundjeri Corporation and the Youth Citizens Jury, alongside Council's submission on the draft Community Vision.
- Acknowledge that Council's Community Engagement Policy provides for deliberative engagement at both the Empower and Collaborate streams.
- Determine to change the Deliberative Panel's remit from Collaborate to Empower for the remainder of the Community Vision work.
- Delegate the CEO to work to enhance representation in the membership of the Deliberative Panel to introduce ten additional members whose first language is a language other than English or equivalent input from multicultural and inclusive community groups and to increase representation from the Kingsbury, Bundoora and MacLeod area as a priority.
- Request that the Deliberative Panel be provided the opportunity to present their work to Councillors on the draft Community Vision before it is presented to Council for adoption on 28 June 2021.
- Request a report from the engagement consultants leading the panel to provide information regarding the satisfaction of panel members that their individual voices were heard and also the level of support for the final Community Vision that will be presented to Council on 28 June 2021.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 21-114

MOVED: Cr. L Messina
SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy

That Council

- Acknowledges the contribution and excellent work undertaken to date by the deliberative panel to develop the draft Community Vision
- Note that all future meetings of the Panel are planned to be in person and the session on 2 May 2021 will focus on the draft Community Vision in response to requests for more time on this important work.
- Provide Council's changes to the Community Vision adopted on 8 April 2021 as a submission to the Panel to be considered against their draft Community Vision, rather than a change to their work.
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- Acknowledge that Council's Community Engagement Policy provides for deliberative engagement at both the Empower and Collaborate streams.
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- Request a report from the engagement consultants leading the panel to provide information regarding the satisfaction of panel members that their individual voices were heard and also the level of support for the final Community Vision that will be presented to Council on 28 June 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.47 pm Mayor Cr. Messina assumed the Chair.

11. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

Nil

12. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.48pm.

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