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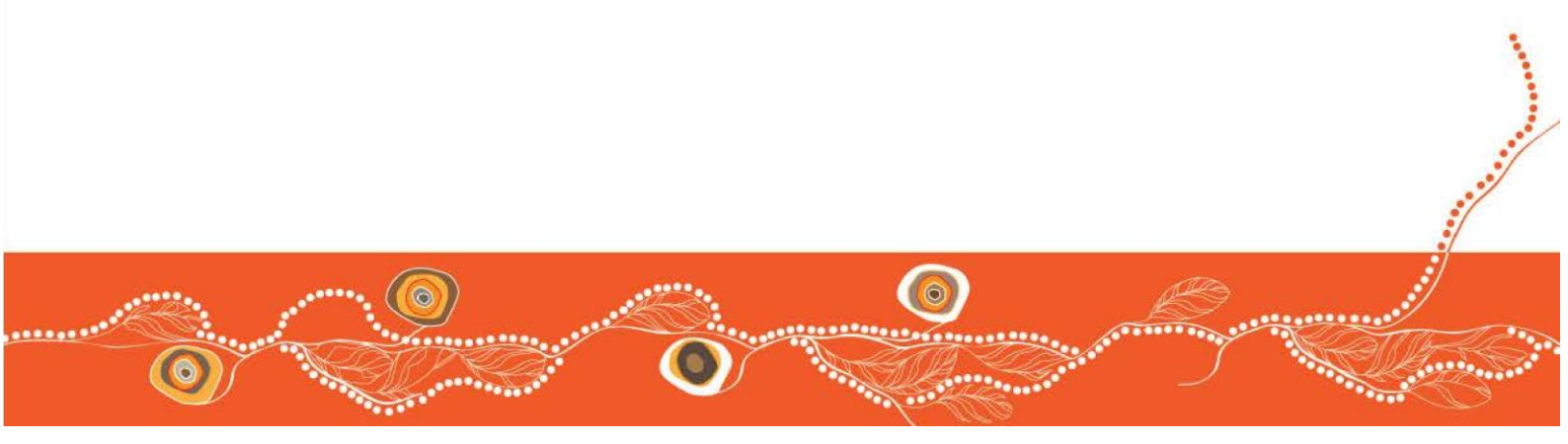
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English

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

THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.03 PM

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

1. OPENING OF MEETING AND MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

Cr. 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

Rachel Ollivier - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

Jodie Watson - General Manager Governance and Engagement

Shadi Hanna – Acting General Manager Communities

Anita Craven - Manager Governance and Corporate Strategy

Vicky Guglielmo – Manager Creative Culture and Events

Vanessa Petrie – Manager Climate Emergency & Sustainable Transport

Anthea Kypreos – Acting Manager Property & Business Improvement

Brett Grambau – Manager City Works

Catherine Deer – Manager Asset and Capital Delivery

Stevie Meyer – Acting Manager City Futures

Allan Middlemast – Coordinator Transport Engineering

Brendan Moore – Graffiti Management Coordinator

Abdullahi Ahmad - Asset Management Engineer

Casey Ward – Project Manager

Anika Labadie – City Design Coordinator

Greg Phippen – Coordinator Property Services

Tim Curtis – Coordinator Facilities Management

Stephen Mahon - Coordinator Council Business

Rachna Gupta Singh - Senior Council Business Officer

Georgina Steele – Council Business officer

Michelle Martin - Council Business officer

Nick Van – Executive Officer to Mayor and Councillors

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

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

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3. APOLOGIES

Nil

4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 28 June 2021 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 21-077

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

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

The Chairperson, Mayor Messina, responded to the following questions submitted for Public Question Time.

- **Ted Lapkin**

My three questions relate to the motion on the Middle East enacted by Darebin Council on 28 June 2021.

1. While replete with superficial lamentations about “recent violence,” your Motion included explicit condemnations of only one party to the Gaza conflict – Israel.

The Palestinian belligerent in the Gaza conflict – Hamas – didn’t rate a mention. This sin of omission is rendered all the more egregious in view of the fact that:

- a) Hamas commenced these hostilities with a massive rocket barrage against Israel;
- b) The Hamas Covenant explicitly calls for an Islamic Holy War to destroy Israel;
- c) Hamas is listed by the Australian Government as a terrorist organisation.

Does Darebin Council’s refusal to condemn Hamas reflect indifference towards the genocidal agenda of a terrorist organisation that seeks to commit a second Holocaust by destroying the world’s largest Jewish community?

2. One of the Motion’s explicit condemnations relates to what Darebin Council described as “threatened evictions” in the Sheik Jarrah neighbourhood of Jerusalem.

Yet, the properties in question were purchased in the 19th century by Jews who established a religious community around the tomb of Jewish sage Simeon the Just, or Shim’on Hatzadik in Hebrew.

This Jewish community was expelled at bayonet-point from the Shimon Hatzakik neighbourhood when the Jordanian Army captured that part of Jerusalem in 1948. During the mid-1950s, the Jordanian government rented out these homes to Arab tenants, some of whom remain there to this day.

Despite the fact that these Arab occupants have no valid legal claim to those properties, in 2001 Israeli courts afforded them the opportunity to remain under protected tenant status.

All they had to do was pay rent to the rightful Jewish owners of those properties. Yet some years later, these Arab tenants began refusing to do so.

According to credible media reports, this rent refusal was the result of pressure from the Palestinian Authority that sought to turn Sheik Jarrah into a flashpoint that would further its territorial claims in Jerusalem.

Why is Darebin Council serving as a cat’s paw for a cynical Palestinian political gambit by mindlessly regurgitating spurious anti-Zionist tropes that have no foundation in fact?

3. In view of the demonstrable anti-Israel bias that permeates its Motion, as evidenced by my preceding two questions, how can this Council claim with a straight face to be supporting “Israeli members of the Darebin community”?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

Council does not condone any violence and as outlined in the Motion, calls for the observance of human rights generally, which is fundamental to the achieving of a just and lasting peace in Israel-Palestine.

The statements condemning violence and standing in solidarity with the Palestinian and Israeli communities in Darebin relate to Council's existing commitments to intercultural and interfaith dialogue, peace and harmony, as outlined in the Towards Equality framework.

The Darebin's Towards Equality Framework recognises global social justice challenges and the strong need to bring the Darebin community together in collectively condemning the violence.

Darebin has many residents amongst our community from a Middle Eastern background including Palestinians and Israelis. Many members in our community have been appalled at the violence and destruction.

It's important that civil institutions and all levels of government stand up in support of peace and justice on global issues that have local significance for our community. Council is committed to promoting human rights and respect for all.

- **Dvir Abramovich, McKinnon**

My questions relate to the Palestine motion recently voted on by the City of Darebin Council. I would like to ask why this resolution does not:

1. Condemn these indiscriminate attacks which target Israel's civilian population as an assault on Israeli civilians by Hamas, a terrorist group committed to Israel's destruction?
2. Condemn Hamas's notorious human rights abuses, its killing of its people, or its putting of children in harm's way by using them as human shields and to dig tunnels, its murderous ideology, the building of scores of tunnels with the intention of conducting terrorist attacks and kidnappings of Israeli civilians and soldiers, the situating of rockets, weapons depots and terrorist operations inside mosques, schools, hospitals and other medical clinics and acknowledge that no country on earth could tolerate the wilful targeting of its citizens by a terrorist group?
3. Acknowledge that Israel has a right and responsibility to defend its citizens against this unceasing barrage of thousands upon thousands of rockets aimed at Israeli cities?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

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- **Christopher Wilkinson, Reservoir**

About 2 months ago Council resurfaced Radford Rd, literally painting over the issue of ongoing hoon driving. For over a year I have contacted 000, Reservoir police, Greensborough highway patrol and Council. Nothing has been done. There is still no traffic management system in place. Hoon driving is still a daily occurrence. If you drive down Radford road today, you can see the extent of burnouts up and down the road. This is a known hotspot and has already ended one life, when will Council finally do something ?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

Addressing hoon driving is a shared responsibility between road managers and enforcement agencies.

Council recently installed speed cushions at the entrance to Brex Court along Radford Road as a trial to deter anti-social driving and we will continue to look at options to address urgent issues in the area.

However, the evidence shows that addressing hoon driving needs enforcement because hoon drivers deliberately ignore the rules. That's why we're also regularly in touch with Victoria Police about Radford Road.

Thank you also for contacting the police. I encourage you to keep doing this.

Tonight, Council is also considering its schedule for detailed investigations and community engagement on road improvements across the City. Our team will be in touch tomorrow to let you what timing this has been scheduled for in your area.

- **Penelope Bennett, Kew**

1. Could the Council please provide an update about the Victoria Road and other popup cycle lanes in the council area, and other measures they may be implementing to promote mode shift and address potential fears of using public transport, especially with additional COVID outbreaks?
2. Has Council made submissions to DoT about measures such as reducing the Victoria Rd speed limit to 40km/h (many schools on or in the vicinity and needed to make a safe on road cycle lane) and to improve pedestrian crossings across Victoria Rd as complementary works?
3. Could Council please advocate to the State Government to implement the popups as soon as possible?

My children and I cycle along Victoria Rd (including to/from school in Thornbury for my ten year old) and we really need the cycle route to be made safer. Footpaths are too narrow and busy with walkers (aside from maintenance vehicles, people pulling out from driveways, etc) and a safer on road cycle route is critical to cycling outcomes in the area - which links into other commuter routes but also is a key route to many local schools.

From a wider perspective, lockdown has again reminded everyone of the importance of local community and health; it is such a change moment for active travel - such an opportunity for

changing travel habits - but Council and State Government seem to be stalling and I appeal to Council to do what it can do contribute to a healthier, happier and more sustainable future.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

1. Victoria Road Pop-Up progress and advocacy (Q1 & 3):

- **Victoria Road is a Darebin owned main road under our management**
- **The Victoria Road pop-up is a State Government project (not a Council Project) and we would encourage you to also share your views directly with the State Government.**
- **Council knows that Victoria Road changes are important for promoting safety, and I have asked Officers to contact both the Department of Transport, and you, to provide an update of when works will be complete. The officer will update you on other projects as well.**

2. Council has not applied for a 40km/h speed limit along Victoria Road at this stage

- **We have recently changed the speed limit on local roads in the west Thornbury and Preston areas.**
- **Council is committed to lowering speed limits, and our new Council Plan includes the action to reduce the speed limit in more local streets across our city, with State Government approval.**
- **Council is committed to advocate to the State Government for safer road**
- **Merinda, Reservoir**

What is Council going to do about the dangerous driving occurring at the new intersection at Cheddar road and Carrol street in Reservoir? This new intersection was funded as part of a black spot program and the changes would be effective IF people followed the new signage. I cannot count the amount of cars now turning into oncoming traffic to cross illegally onto Cheddar Road northbound instead of going left on cheddar (westbound on Carrol). There is no enforcement and these rat-runners risk the safety of cyclists, pedestrians and other drivers. Cars also regularly cross directly over cheddar into Gladstone which is clearly a no entry. I use this road area frequently and every single time I witness multiple cars illegally and dangerously ignoring the rules, it seems they do not think the rules apply to them. What will council do about this?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

Thank you for your feedback about the project. We are aware of the issue and are working closely with the Victoria Police to provide enforcement.

• **Ben Burton, Northcote**

- 1 How can we find out about getting a permanent space possibly under the new raised train station? Can we learn the steps or process for requesting this?
- 2 Can Darebin please connect us to the builder or owner of Newman Street because we would like to confirm the very last day before real construction begins - so we can have a send off/ fundraiser and use the site as long as possible.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

I understand an Officer has spoken to you today. We understand you would like to see a skate park built under the new rail viaduct because the space you are currently using is being developed.

Response to Question 1: This is a state government project, so we'll help put you in touch with the best contact person.

Council hasn't specifically been advocating for a skate park, but is advocating more generally for active recreation activities, which could include skating.

Response to Question 2: Whilst we will not be in a position to pass on the owners contact details due to privacy, Officers will be happy to contact the owners and seek their consent to connect you and your group with them.

- **Ruth Jelley, Northcote**

1. Can Council please provide an update on the progress of Preston West Activity Link Streets for People project, including decisions on traffic-calming measures for James St and the construction status of the pop-up park?
2. At the last Council meeting, I asked specifically about Council's commitment to pop-up bicycle lanes on key arterial roads (the definition of which is 'carrying the main flow of traffic between towns') but a direct response was not provided. In the absence of a direct response to my questions I seek permission to ask both questions again:
 - i. Will Darebin Council join Yarra Council in advocating to make the pop-up bike lanes on Heidelberg Road permanent?
 - ii. Can Council please explain why it voted against any form of community consultation, or the development of possible designs, for pop-up bike lanes on High Street in Northcote/Thornbury, given that this decision appears to contradict the commitment stated in council's quarter 3 report?
3. Good Council governance requires Council to report publicly on answers it provides for questions that have been taken on notice during public question time. Why has Council not included such responses in the agenda for June and July council meetings, for questions taken on notice in April and June respectively (from Kirby of Preston in April, and from me in June)?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

1. **Council recently installed both the James Street pop-up park road closure, and the James Street kerb buildouts. Tonight, Council will make a decision on its forward schedule for detailed investigations and community engagement about transport and local area place-making.
An officer will contact you tomorrow to let you know the timing of engagement for your area.**
2. **Darebin advocated to the State Government to install the Heidelberg Road pop-up bike lane, and we know it has been used by many people to safety commute through Covid.**

I have asked officers to contact the Department of Transport, to ask about the latest results so that we may share this with our community.

I note your question about the High Street bike pop-up. Our new Council Plan includes a project to refresh the Darebin Transport Strategy, to ensure our transport system is supporting our community through COVID and beyond.

3. Since April this year Council has been receiving a 'Governance Report' at its monthly Ordinary Council Meetings. This Governance Report brings together a range of governance and administrative matters including responses to public questions taken on notice.

The questions from yourself on the 8th April and from Kirby on 26th April were taken on notice and the responses provided reported in the Governance Report in May and June respectively.

- **Serena O'Meley, Reservoir**

1. Since Darebin Council has shifted all Appendices into a single document with its meeting Agenda, not only is the document enormous and unwieldy but many of the reports that are incorporated are no longer keyword searchable. Taken together this is a serious accessibility issue for the public which I am asking, again, for Council to correct. At the very least, will Council ensure that all reports can be keyword searched? I note that there has been no follow up that I am aware of from my related question on 26 April 2021, where an undertaking was given as follows, "I will speak with the team to see if we can streamline that process to make it easier for the community to access."
2. Darebin Council's response (12 July 2021) to my budget submission (19 May 2021) claims that it would cost \$1million to remediate the former Dole Avenue kindergarten for a public tenant. This is many times more than the existing building could possibly be worth. Has an error been made in the response to me, and if not, can an explanation be given for the projected cost?
3. Has Darebin Council made a formal monetary offer for each of the three parcels of VicRoads land within Clements Reserve (1-11 McMahon Road and the rear of 22 & 32-34 Clements Grove) to the State Government, and if it has, when was the offer made on each parcel of land, and if it hasn't what is holding up the purchase?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

1. Apologies for not following up with you after the April Meeting. Officers are working on a system upgrade that will rectify this issue which is scheduled to be completed by the 3rd quarter
2. The figure of \$1M provided on 12 July 2021 is an estimated cost of the funds required to enable the building to be repurposed for community use. The works required would include hazardous material removal, general building renovation and upgrades required for building code compliance.

Further investigations into the building and options for the former Dole Avenue Kindergarten site will be completed in the current year as part of Council's Strategic Property Review.

3. Officers are continuing to work through stages of the acquisition relating to due diligence, prior to requesting a Valuer General's valuation. As previously communicated, the timeline for the acquisition is by nature a lengthy process, given the steps required. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide any further

information relating to the details of the acquisition given the confidential nature of the matter.

Once there is news to share, it will be shared with community as soon as possible. Officers appreciate your on-going interest in the purchase of Clements Reserve.

- **David Snaddon, Northcote**

In regard to the redevelopment of the Northcote Aquatic & Recreation Centre (NARC), as parents of children who are members of the Northcote Swimming Club (NSC) and Northcote Water Polo Club (NWPC) we wish to ask the following questions:

1. Can Council confirm that the burners/boilers for the outdoor 50m pool have been repaired and that a suitable temperature (for training purposes by the NSC & NWPC) will be maintained until the NARC is closed for redevelopment?
2. Can Council explain why a staged re-development that would enable the NSC, NWPC and the broader community to keep using the outdoor 50m pool during redevelopment was not considered? On what basis was this decision made and by whom?
3. Both the NSC & NWPC made strong representations during the consultation process that the outdoor 50m pool should remain open. We respectfully ask why the needs of these vital community sporting clubs were not prioritised in the decision making process to close NARC completely for redevelopment?

Mr Snaddon also submitted a 4th question however due to the 3 question limit this was not accepted.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

1. I can confirm that this morning's temperature reading of the outdoor pool was 27 degrees and that today the boiler is functioning to ensure the appropriate water temperature.
Due the age of the facility, which is at the end of its life, it cannot be guaranteed that there will not be further service disruptions before the facility is closed for redevelopment however staff and the YMCA are working hard to maximise community use.
2. Very early in the design process, Council investigated a number of design options, which included an option to design and build the new facility whilst maintaining current operations. This design however, was ultimately not chosen due to a number of factors including:
 - Compromised design and functionality of new facility
 - Cost – officers estimated additional cost of approximately \$20M above current proposed design, due to; having to relocate the car park, build temporary plant to enable continued operation of pools, ongoing operational costs, and increased construction time
 - The current 50m pool and supporting plant infrastructure have reached the end of their serviceable life, including the water leaks from the pool. Leak repairs have been conducted over recent months, only for new leaks to emerge because of the age of the facility.
 - On the 20 July 2020 Council considered a report on the NARC Concept Design Stage - Community Consultation Findings and resolved to continue the design process utilising community feedback that has been received to further define and shape the project so that it is delivered within budget.

3. **As key stakeholders, the Northcote Swim Club and the Northcote Waterpolo Club were consulted in the concept design stage in April/May 2020. I acknowledge their feedback included:**
- **concerns about the transition to alternative facilities during construction.**
 - **Assistance that Council could provide to support them during the closure period.**
 - **Invaluable insights on a range of components of the new facility and overall supported the redevelopment concept designs.**

In total, Council also received over 400 completed community surveys, 19 written submissions and additional 5 stakeholder submissions and 7 video consultations with leading industry management operators that overall supported the concept designs.

- **Claire Layden, Reservoir**

1. **Regarding the Streets for People East Reservoir corridor, which I understand Council have budgeted an amount for design of the interventions around the McMahan Rd/ Boldrewood roundabout - when can we expect Council to commence the community consultation and design for this?**
2. **Can you please provide an update on the process to re-instate the developer contributions Levy?**

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

1. **Community consultation was completed in September 2019. Detailed design work will progress over the next couple of months, but this is a technical step. An officer will contact you about this.**
2. **The planning scheme amendment process to implement the Development Contributions Plan is nearing its final stages. A Planning Panel hearing concluded in late May 2021 and the Panel's report is expected very soon. The Planning Panel report and any recommendations will be considered by Council later this year. After the final approval would be considered by the Minister for Planning.**

- **Matthew Burke, Preston**

At the May Council Meeting, Mayor Messina made clear that an update on the Cramer St traffic calming would be presented at the July Council Meeting.

I cannot see it in the agenda. Am I missing something?

Residents are anxious for traffic calming to commence. When can residents expect to be updated on Cramer St traffic calming?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

Tonight, at Item 8.2 Council will make a decision on its forward schedule for detailed investigations and community engagement about transport and local area place-making.

An officer will contact you tomorrow to let you know the timing of engagement planned for Cramer Street.

- **John Nugent, Epping**

Mayor Messina. I refer to the 111 signatories to a petition regarding Preston football crowds using the Preston Market car park in business hours and the response I have recently received which was disappointing for the shop keepers and store holders and the petitioners. The cause this problem is solely with the Council who lease out the Preston oval in September annually.

Is Council aware of the loss car spaces to the redevelopment of the Preston Station?

Does Council take any responsibility for shopkeeper, store holder losses of between 10-20% on their income per day?, and

Can you reassure the petitioners that this matter will get a proper response and action ?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

Council officers and the Northern Football and Netball League (NFNL) are aware of the Preston Level Crossing works and the flow on effect for parking in the area.

Both parties will be meeting onsite shortly with representatives from the Level Crossing Project (restrictions permitting) to discuss arrangements for this year's final series.

This will include, as it has in previous year's, a range of strategies to manage transport and parking issues during the finals including: the possibility of using nearby facilities such as Melbourne Polytechnic for a parking area, the use of traffic marshals, and promoting sustainable transport options for both participating teams and spectators.

7. PETITIONS

NIL

8. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

8.1 DAREBIN INTERCULTURAL CENTRE PROGRAMMING THINK TANK

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report details the draft terms of reference to establish a new Programming Think Tank (PTT) to refocus the programming vision, strategies and objectives aligned to the relocation and renewal of the Intercultural Centre to 350 High Street Preston.

The PTT is designed to inform and guide the evolution of the Intercultural Centre during this period of renewal and relocation. The forum will bring together peak bodies, community leaders and community experts from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and experiences to work with Council Officers between September 2021 and February 2022.

Officer Recommendation

That Council

- (1) Endorses the proposed plan for expressions of interest to establish a short-term Programming Think Tank for the Darebin Intercultural Centre.
 - (2) Endorses the proposed Draft Darebin Intercultural Centre Programming Think Tank Terms of Reference at **Appendix B**.
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Motion

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

That Council

- (1) Endorses the proposed plan for expressions of interest to establish a short-term Programming Think Tank for the Darebin Intercultural Centre.
- (2) Endorses the proposed Draft Darebin Intercultural Centre Programming Think Tank Terms of Reference at Appendix B with the inclusion of an additional Responsibility of the Programming Think Tank:
 - A PTT Project Report which includes recommendations for further action endorsed by the PTT, will be produced at the conclusion of the PTT and presented to Council. The PTT Project Report will guide and form a basis for further programming, partnership and funding opportunities for the following year.

Amendment

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

That the motion be amended to include a point (3) as below:

- (3) Include the Centre for Multicultural Youth in the list of key stakeholders and any other stakeholder group identified.

The seconder of the motion did not consent to the amendment.

The amendment was put and carried unanimously

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The substantive motion before Council viz

That Council

- (1) Endorses the proposed plan for expressions of interest to establish a short-term Programming Think Tank for the Darebin Intercultural Centre.
- (2) Endorses the proposed Draft Darebin Intercultural Centre Programming Think Tank Terms of Reference at Appendix B with the inclusion of an additional Responsibility of the Programming Think Tank:
 - A PTT Project Report which includes recommendations for further action endorsed by the PTT, will be produced at the conclusion of the PTT and presented to Council. The PTT Project Report will guide and form a basis for further programming, partnership and funding opportunities for the following year.
- (3) Include the Centre for Multicultural Youth in the list of key stakeholders and any other stakeholder group identified.

was put and carried unanimously

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 21-078**

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

That Council

- (1) Endorses the proposed plan for expressions of interest to establish a short-term Programming Think Tank for the Darebin Intercultural Centre.
- (2) Endorses the proposed Draft Darebin Intercultural Centre Programming Think Tank Terms of Reference at Appendix B with the inclusion of an additional Responsibility of the Programming Think Tank:
 - A PTT Project Report which includes recommendations for further action endorsed by the PTT, will be produced at the conclusion of the PTT and presented to Council. The PTT Project Report will guide and form a basis for further programming, partnership and funding opportunities for the following year.
- (3) Include Centre for Multicultural Youth in the list of key stakeholders and any other stakeholder group identified.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 LOCAL AREA PLACE-MAKING PROGRAM - YOUR STREET YOUR SAY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an overview of the *Your Street, Your Say* approach to Local Area Place-Making and seeks endorsement of the proposed schedule of areas to be investigated. This report also details how the *Your Street, Your Say* approach will strengthen service delivery and achieve better transport outcomes for the community.

Local Area Place-Making (LAPM) is the use of streetscape changes and road safety treatments (e.g. kerb extensions, speed cushions) to influence driver behaviour and create safer and more liveable local streets. Council has already developed a number of successful LAPM projects, including the Cheddar (Reservoir East), Croxton West, Clarendon (Thornbury East), and Northcote precincts.

The *Your Street, Your Say* program involves applying the LAPM approach across the entire municipality as part of a recurring three-year cycle. The program will consider Local Area traffic management, road safety, on-street parking (i.e. time restrictions, residential parking permits) and landscaping. The community, including young children, schools, and older adults, will play a key role in identifying issues and opportunities in local areas, and also set the outcomes they would like the program to achieve. Emerging transport issues with a significant safety risk will continue to be treated separately from the LAPM program as required.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Endorses a rolling schedule for community engagement about the road reserve layout and transport operation through the local area place-making *Your Street Your Say* program, in the order shown as follows:
 - Year 1 (2021/22) – Reservoir West, Preston West and Thornbury West
 - Year 2 (2022/23) – Northcote East/Fairfield, Thornbury East and Bundoora/Macleod
 - Year 3 (2023/24) – Reservoir East, Preston East and Northcote West.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 21-079

MOVED: Cr. S Newton

SECONDED: Cr. G Greco

That Council:

1. Endorses a rolling schedule for community engagement about the road reserve layout and transport operation through the local area place-making *Your Street Your Say* program, in the order shown as follows:
 - Year 1 (2021/22) – Reservoir West, Preston West and Thornbury West
 - Year 2 (2022/23) – Northcote East/Fairfield, Thornbury East and Bundoora/Macleod
 - Year 3 (2023/24) – Reservoir East, Preston East and Northcote West.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3

DRAFT ROAD MANAGEMENT PLAN 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the outcomes of the review of Council's Road Management Plan (RMP) for endorsement as required under the Road Management Act 2004 to be completed by 31 October 2021.

Council officers have undertaken an internal review of the RMP. This review has focused mainly on the schedules of inspections and other administrative changes to the previous RMP.

The plan is now ready for community consultation with a final 2021 Road Management Plan to be adopted by Council before 31 October 2021.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Notes the officer review of draft 2021 Road Management Plan
- (2) Releases the draft 2021 Road Management Plan for community consultation
- (3) Receives a further report before October 2021 on community feedback received and a final proposed 2021 Road Management Plan for adoption.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 21-080**

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That Council:

- (1) Notes the officer review of draft 2021 Road Management Plan
- (2) Releases the draft 2021 Road Management Plan for community consultation
- (3) Receives a further report before October 2021 on community feedback received and a final proposed 2021 Road Management Plan for adoption.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 CONTRACT AWARD FOR CT2019181 FOR ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE AND INSTALLATION SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to award contract CT2019181 for the provision of electrical maintenance and installation services.

The City of Darebin is seeking to appoint two experienced contractors to deliver electrical programmed maintenance, reactive maintenance services and capital works installations across Council's building portfolio. The Request for Tender (RFT) was publicly advertised on 16 January 2021 and closed on 4 March 2021.

The tender evaluation panel has evaluated the tenders received and recommends awarding the contract to two electrical contractors. One contractor will provide programmed maintenance services in all facilities in the north of the City while the other will provide programmed maintenance services in nominated buildings in the south of the City. Both contractors will form a panel of suppliers that can be accessed for reactive maintenance services and capital works installations.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Awards Contract CT2019181 for Electrical Maintenance and Installation Services to two contractors for a principal contract term of two years with three one-year options to extend commencing on 14 August 2021.
2. Awards Contract CT2019181 Package A for programmed maintenance to _____ for an annual fee of \$_____ (including GST) subject to adjustments to reflect changes in the asset portfolio.
3. Awards Contract CT2019181 Package B for programmed maintenance to _____ for an annual fee \$_____ (including GST) subject to adjustments to reflect changes in the asset portfolio.
4. Appoints _____ and _____ to a panel for reactive maintenance services and capital works, to be charged at the tendered schedules of rates.
5. Approves an upper limit contract value of \$_____ (including GST) across the maximum contract term of five years.
6. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to approve variations to the annual programmed maintenance fees to allow for the addition and removal of assets across the building portfolio.
7. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documents on behalf of Council.
8. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to exercise options for extensions if and when required.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. J Williams

SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That Council:

1. Awards Contract CT2019181 for Electrical Maintenance and Installation Services to two contractors for a principal contract term of two years with three one-year options to extend commencing on 14 August 2021.
2. Awards Contract CT2019181 Package A for programmed maintenance to AG Coombs Servicing Pty Ltd for an annual fee of \$48,377.80 (including GST) subject to adjustments to reflect changes in the asset portfolio.
3. Awards Contract CT2019181 Package B for programmed maintenance to TCM Solutions Pty Ltd for an annual fee \$47,723.00 (including GST) subject to adjustments to reflect changes in the asset portfolio.
4. Appoints AG Coombs Servicing Pty Ltd and TCM Solutions Pty Ltd to a panel for reactive maintenance services and capital works, to be charged at the tendered schedules of rates.
5. Approves an upper limit contract value of \$6,053,105.00 (including GST) across the maximum contract term of five years.
6. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to approve variations to the annual programmed maintenance fees to allow for the addition and removal of assets across the building portfolio.
7. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documents on behalf of Council.
8. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to exercise options for extensions if and when required.

The motion was put and carried unanimously

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 21-081****MOVED: Cr. J Williams****SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie****That Council:**

1. Awards Contract CT2019181 for Electrical Maintenance and Installation Services to two contractors for a principal contract term of two years with three one-year options to extend commencing on 14 August 2021.
2. Awards Contract CT2019181 Package A for programmed maintenance to AG Coombs Servicing Pty Ltd for an annual fee of \$48,377.80 (including GST) subject to adjustments to reflect changes in the asset portfolio.
3. Awards Contract CT2019181 Package B for programmed maintenance to TCM Solutions Pty Ltd for an annual fee \$47,723.00 (including GST) subject to adjustments to reflect changes in the asset portfolio.
4. Appoints AG Coombs Servicing Pty Ltd and TCM Solutions Pty Ltd to a panel for reactive maintenance services and capital works, to be charged at the tendered schedules of rates.
5. Approves an upper limit contract value of \$6,053,105.00 (including GST) across the maximum contract term of five years.
6. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to approve variations to the annual programmed maintenance fees to allow for the addition and removal of assets across the building portfolio.
7. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documents on behalf of Council.
8. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to exercise options for extensions if and when required.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 CONTRACT AWARD FOR CT2019180 FOR MECHANICAL MAINTENANCE AND INSTALLATION SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to award contract CT2019180 for the provision of mechanical maintenance and installation services.

The City of Darebin is seeking to appoint two experienced contractors to deliver mechanical programmed maintenance, reactive maintenance services and capital works installations across Council's building portfolio. The Request for Tender (RFT) was publicly advertised on 16 January 2021 and closed on 4 March 2021.

The tender evaluation panel has evaluated the tenders received and recommends awarding the contract to two mechanical contractors. One contractor will provide programmed maintenance services in all facilities north of the City while an alternative contractor will provide programmed maintenance services in nominated buildings south of the City. Both contractors will form a panel of suppliers that can be accessed for reactive maintenance services and capital works installations.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Awards Contract CT2019180 for Mechanical Maintenance and Installation Services to two contractors for a principal contract term of two years with three one-year options to extend commencing on 14 August 2021.
2. Awards Contract CT2019180 Package A for programmed maintenance to _____ for an annual fee of \$_____ (including GST) subject to adjustments to reflect changes in the asset portfolio.
3. Awards Contract CT2019180 Package B to programmed maintenance to _____ for an annual fee \$_____ (including GST) subject to adjustments to reflect changes in the asset portfolio.
4. Appoints _____ and _____ to a panel for reactive maintenance services and capital works, to be charged at the tendered schedules of rates.
5. Approves an upper limit contract value of \$_____ (including GST) across the maximum contract term of five years.
6. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to approve variations to the annual programmed maintenance fees to allow for the addition and removal of assets across the building portfolio.
7. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documents on behalf of Council.
8. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to exercise options for extensions if and when required.

Motion

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

That Council:

1. Awards Contract CT2019180 for Mechanical Maintenance and Installation Services to two contractors for a principal contract term of two years with three one-year options to extend commencing on 14 August 2021.
2. Awards Contract CT2019180 Package A for programmed maintenance to TCM Solutions Pty Ltd for an annual fee of \$118,416.00 (including GST) subject to adjustments to reflect changes in the asset portfolio.
3. Awards Contract CT2019180 Package B to programmed maintenance to F&M Commercial Maintenance Pty Ltd for an annual fee \$52,823.00 (including GST) subject to adjustments to reflect changes in the asset portfolio.
4. Appoints F&M Commercial Maintenance Pty Ltd and TCM Solutions Pty Ltd to a panel for reactive maintenance services and capital works, to be charged at the tendered schedules of rates.
5. Approves an upper limit contract value of \$8,094,509.00 (including GST) across the maximum contract term of five years.
6. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to approve variations to the annual programmed maintenance fees to allow for the addition and removal of assets across the building portfolio.
7. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documents on behalf of Council.
8. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to exercise options for extensions if and when required.

The motion was put and carried unanimously

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 21-082**

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

That Council:

1. Awards Contract CT2019180 for Mechanical Maintenance and Installation Services to two contractors for a principal contract term of two years with three one-year options to extend commencing on 14 August 2021.
2. Awards Contract CT2019180 Package A for programmed maintenance to TCM Solutions Pty Ltd for an annual fee of \$118,416.00 (including GST) subject to adjustments to reflect changes in the asset portfolio.
3. Awards Contract CT2019180 Package B to programmed maintenance to F&M Commercial Maintenance Pty Ltd for an annual fee \$52,823.00 (including GST) subject to adjustments to reflect changes in the asset portfolio.
5. Appoints F&M Commercial Maintenance Pty Ltd and TCM Solutions Pty Ltd to a panel for reactive maintenance services and capital works, to be charged at the tendered schedules of rates.
5. Approves an upper limit contract value of \$8,094,509.00 (including GST) across the maximum contract term of five years.
6. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to approve variations to the annual programmed maintenance fees to allow for the addition and removal of assets across the building portfolio.
7. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documents on behalf of Council.
8. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to exercise options for extensions if and when required.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 CONTRACT AWARD FOR CT2019182 FOR FIRE SAFETY (ESSENTIAL SAFETY MEASURE) TESTING, INSPECTIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to award contract CT2019182 for the provision of fire safety (Essential Safety Measure) testing, inspections and installations.

The City of Darebin is seeking to appoint a single experienced contractor to deliver fire safety programmed tests and inspections, reactive maintenance services and capital works installations across Council's building portfolio. The Request for Tender (RFT) was publicly advertised on 16 January 2021 and closed on 4 March 2021.

The tender evaluation panel has evaluated the tenders received and recommends awarding the contract to a single contractor to undertake all services.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Awards Contract CT2019182 for Fire Safety (Essential Safety Measures) Maintenance and Installation Services to _____ for:
 - a. A principal contract term of two years with three one-year options to extend;
 - b. An annual fixed fee of \$_____ (inclusive of GST) for programmed tests and inspections, subject to adjustments for changes to the asset portfolio and;
 - c. The tendered schedules of rates for reactive maintenance services and capital works installations.
2. Approves an upper limit contract value of \$_____ (including GST) across the maximum contract term of five years.
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to approve variations to the annual programmed maintenance fees to allow for the addition and removal of assets across the building portfolio.
4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documents on behalf of Council.
5. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to exercise options for extensions if and when required.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. J Williams
SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That Council:

- (1) Awards Contract CT2019182 for Fire Safety (Essential Safety Measures) Maintenance and Installation Services to Essential Safety Solutions Pty Ltd for:
 - a) A principal contract term of two years with three one-year options to extend;
 - b) An annual fixed fee of \$107,070.00 (inclusive of GST) for programmed tests and inspections, subject to adjustments for changes to the asset portfolio and;
 - c) The tendered schedules of rates for reactive maintenance services and capital works installations.
- (2) Approves an upper limit contract value of \$1,932,363.00 (including GST) across the maximum contract term of five years.
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to approve variations to the annual programmed maintenance fees to allow for the addition and removal of assets across the building portfolio.
- (4) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documents on behalf of Council.
- (5) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to exercise options for extensions if and when required.

The motion was put and carried unanimously

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 21-083**

MOVED: Cr. J Williams
SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That Council:

- (1) Awards Contract CT2019182 for Fire Safety (Essential Safety Measures) Maintenance and Installation Services to Essential Safety Solutions Pty Ltd for:
 - a) A principal contract term of two years with three one-year options to extend;
 - b) An annual fixed fee of \$107,070.00 (inclusive of GST) for programmed tests and inspections, subject to adjustments for changes to the asset portfolio and;
 - c) The tendered schedules of rates for reactive maintenance services and capital works installations.
- (2) Approves an upper limit contract value of \$1,932,363.00 (including GST) across the maximum contract term of five years.
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to approve variations to the annual programmed maintenance fees to allow for the addition and removal of assets across the building portfolio.
- (4) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documents on behalf of Council.
- (5) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to exercise options for extensions if and when required.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.7 EDWARDES LAKE PARK PLAYSPLACE FINAL CONCEPT DESIGN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A draft concept design for the Edwardes Lake Park Seaver Grove Playspace has been developed and was released for public consultation between 3 July and 12 August 2020. The proposed Playspace has been designed to form a new focal point in the Edwardes Lake Park. It has been designed to bring to life the directions in Council's Master Plan which was developed with community feedback between 2017 and 2019.

The community's feedback overall was positive and in support of the playspace concept plan approach, vision and proposed improvements. This feedback has been used to update and improve the concept designs and this is now proposed for Council consideration, including improved safety, accessibility, and canopy trees for shade. The Edwardes Lake Park Seaver Grove Playspace site includes a nature play area, play equipment that emphasises adventure and accessibility, and indigenous plantings.

If Council endorses the concept design for the Edwardes Lake Park Seaver Grove Playspace proposed in this report, it will be used to help seek external funding, and construction would be planned for future years.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the final concept designs for the Edwardes Lake Park Seaver Grove Playspace;
 - (2) Updates and thanks community members who participated in the consultation.
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Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the final concept designs for the Edwardes Lake Park Seaver Grove Playspace;
- (2) Updates and thanks community members who participated in the consultation and letter box all residents within a 500m radius of Edwardes Lake Park
- (3) Refers for consideration during development of the 2022-23 budget, the decision about progressing Edwardes Lake Park Seaver Grove Playspace including costs to implement the concept design, potential funding sources and timelines for realising this project
- (4) Notes that Council has prioritised in its Council Plan a number of actions to improve Edwardes Lake Park, that there is currently significant tree planting and rewilding underway, and that Council has recently renewed equipment at other playgrounds in the Park.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 21-084**

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

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the final concept designs for the Edwardes Lake Park Seaver Grove Playspace;
- (2) Updates and thanks community members who participated in the consultation and letter box all residents within a 500m radius of Edwardes Lake Park
- (3) Refers for consideration during development of the 2022-23 budget, the decision about progressing Edwardes Lake Park Seaver Grove Playspace including costs to implement the concept design, potential funding sources and timelines for realising this project
- (4) Notes that Council has prioritised in its Council Plan a number of actions to improve Edwardes Lake Park, that there is currently significant tree planting and rewilding underway, and that Council has recently renewed equipment at other playgrounds in the Park.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**8.8 COUNCIL PLAN ACTION PLAN 2021-22 AND 2021-25
COUNCIL PLAN UPDATE**

Council is required by section 90 of the *Local Government Act 2020* ('the Act') to prepare a Council Plan that contains: the strategic direction of Council; strategic objectives for achieving the strategic direction; strategies for achieving the objectives for a period of at least the next 4 financial years; strategic indicators for monitoring the achievement of the objectives and a description of Council's initiatives and priorities for services, infrastructure and amenity.

The 2021-25 Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) was adopted by Council on 28 June 2021. At this meeting officers advised Council that they would advise the outcome of the exemption request to the Secretary Department of Health. Feedback has been received and actioned and an exemption confirmed. The updated 2021-25 Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) is provided at **Appendix A** for Council noting. Council also received feedback from the Department on the Health and Wellbeing Profile Report and made minor adjustments to incorporate this feedback. The updated Health and Wellbeing Profile Report is provided at **Appendix B** for Council noting.

Historically, Council has adopted an annual Council Plan Action Plan that sets out in more detail how the objectives of the Council Plan will be achieved during the forthcoming year of the plan. Whilst this is not required by the Local Government Act 2020, Council intends to continue this best practice approach to ensure transparency and accountability to the Darebin community as it fulfils its commitment to deliver the 2021-25 Council Plan. This further supports feedback received from the Secretary to include a commitment in the Council Plan to develop an action plan for the health and wellbeing priorities.

The Council Plan Action Plan 2021–22 (refer **Appendix C**) addresses the first year of the Council Plan 2021–25 and clearly articulates Council's priorities and initiatives towards achieving the 2041 Darebin Community Vision.

Officer Recommendation**That Council:**

- (1) Note that Council has received confirmation of the exemption from complying with Section 26 (2) of the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008*, relating to the preparation of a Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan, from the Secretary Department of Health approved subject to amendments including:
 - a) Developing an action plan for the health and wellbeing priorities that links strategies to actions and identifies progress measures.
 - b) Annual action plans should be referenced in the *your 2021–2025 Council Plan* and be publicly accessible.
 - c) A description of how you will work with partners and community to develop and implement the action plan for health and wellbeing priorities and measure progress is also required.
- (2) Note the changes made to the adopted 2021 – 2025 Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) at **Appendix A** to incorporate the feedback from the Secretary Department of Health.
- (3) Note the changes made to the Health and Wellbeing Profile Report 2021 at **Appendix B** to incorporate the feedback from the Secretary Department of Health.
- (4) Adopts the Council Plan Action Plan 2021-22 at **Appendix C**.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 21-085**

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- (1) Note that Council has received confirmation of the exemption from complying with Section 26 (2) of the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008*, relating to the preparation of a Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan, from the Secretary Department of Health approved subject to amendments including:
 - a) Developing an action plan for the health and wellbeing priorities that links strategies to actions and identifies progress measures.
 - b) Annual action plans should be referenced in the *your 2021–2025 Council Plan* and be publicly accessible.
 - c) A description of how Council will work with partners and community to develop and implement the action plan for health and wellbeing priorities and measure progress is also required.
- (2) Note the changes made to the adopted 2021 – 2025 Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) at **Appendix A** to incorporate the feedback from the Secretary Department of Health.
- (3) Note the changes made to the Health and Wellbeing Profile Report 2021 at **Appendix B** to incorporate the feedback from the Secretary Department of Health.
- (4) Adopts the Council Plan Action Plan 2021-22 at **Appendix C**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.9

PROPERTY MATTERS REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks Council approval to commence statutory procedures into the proposed sale of three separate parcels of land from previously discontinued rights of way/roads, specifically:

- (1) Discontinued road adjoining 31 Home Street and 18 Doolan Street, Reservoir
- (2) Discontinued road adjoining 4 Margtmary Avenue and 9 Fitzroy Street, Preston
- (3) Discontinued road adjoining 7 Dumbarton Street and 55 Dundee Street, Reservoir

Officer Recommendation**Recommendation 1: Discontinued road adjoining 31 Home Street and 18 Doolan Street, Reservoir****1. That Council:**

Commences the statutory procedures under section 114 of the *Local Government Act 2020* to;

- (a) Sell the land from the discontinued road adjoining the rear of 31 Home Street and 18 Doolan Street, Reservoir shown as Lot 4 on Title Plan TP018457Q in **Appendix A** to the owners of 31 Home Street, Reservoir, in accordance with Council Policy.
- (b) Gives notice of its intention to sell the land on Council's website and in such notice states that Council proposes to sell the land from the former road to the owners of 31 Home Street, Reservoir by private treaty and transfer to itself any land not sold, in accordance with Council policy.
- (c) As part of its community engagement process, Council invites both written and verbal submissions on the proposed sale and deal with any submissions received in line with the principles set out in section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (d) That any submissions received be considered by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee.

Recommendation 2: Discontinued road adjoining 4 Margtmary Avenue and 9 Fitzroy Street, Preston**2. That Council:**

Commences the statutory procedures under section 114 of the *Local Government Act 2020* to:

- (a) Sell the land from the discontinued road adjoining the rear of 4 and 5 Margtmary Avenue and 9 Fitzroy Street, Preston, shown as Lot 11 on TP020678K in **Appendix A** to the owner of 4 Margtmary Avenue, Preston, in accordance with Council Policy.
- (b) Gives notice of its intention to sell the land on Council's website and in such notice states that Council proposes to sell the land from the former road to the owner of 4 Margtmary Avenue, Preston, by private treaty and transfer to itself any land not sold, in accordance with Council policy.
- (c) As part of its community engagement process Council invites both written and verbal submissions on the proposed sale and deal with any submissions received in line with the principles set out in section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (d) That any submissions received be considered by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee.

Recommendation 3: Discontinued road adjoining 7 Dumbarton Street and 55 Dundee Street, Reservoir**3. That Council:**

Commences the statutory procedures under section 114 of the *Local Government Act 2020* to;

- (a) Sell the land from the discontinued road adjoining the rear of 7 Dumbarton Street and 55 Dundee Street, Reservoir, shown as Lot 15 on Title Plan TP884494Y in **Appendix**

- A** to the owner of 7 Dumbarton Street, Reservoir, by private treaty in accordance with Council Policy.
- (b) Gives notice of its intention to sell the land on Council's website and in such notice states that Council proposes to sell the land from the former road to the owners of 7 Dumbarton Street, Reservoir by private treaty and transfer to itself any land not sold, in accordance with Council policy.
 - (c) As part of its community engagement process, Council invites both written and verbal submissions on the proposed sale and deal with any submissions received in line with the principles set out in section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989.
 - (d) That any submissions received be considered by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee.
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Motion

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

Recommendation 1: Discontinued road adjoining 31 Home Street and 18 Doolan Street, Reservoir

That Council defer this item until contact is made with the affected owners so that Council can ensure due process for all directly affect parties before any decision is made on this matter.

Recommendation 2: Discontinued road adjoining 4 Margtmary Avenue and 9 Fitzroy Street, Preston

2. **That** Council:

Commences the statutory procedures under section 114 of the *Local Government Act 2020* to:

- (a) Sell the land from the discontinued road adjoining the rear of 4 and 5 Margtmary Avenue and 9 Fitzroy Street, Preston, shown as Lot 11 on TP020678K in **Appendix A** to the owner of 4 Margtmary Avenue, Preston, in accordance with Council Policy.
- (b) Gives notice of its intention to sell the land on Council's website and in such notice states that Council proposes to sell the land from the former road to the owner of 4 Margtmary Avenue, Preston, by private treaty and transfer to itself any land not sold, in accordance with Council policy.
- (c) As part of its community engagement process Council invites both written and verbal submissions on the proposed sale and deal with any submissions received in line with the principles set out in section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (d) That any submissions received be considered by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee.

Recommendation 3: Discontinued road adjoining 7 Dumbarton Street and 55 Dundee Street, Reservoir

That Council defer this item until contact is made with the owners at 55 Dundee Street, Reservoir, so that Council can ensure due process for all directly affect parties before any decision is made on this matter.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 21-086

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

Recommendation 1: Discontinued road adjoining 31 Home Street and 18 Doolan Street, Reservoir

That Council defer this item until contact is made with the affected owners so that Council can ensure due process for all directly affect parties before any decision is made on this matter.

Recommendation 2: Discontinued road adjoining 4 Margtmary Avenue and 9 Fitzroy Street, Preston

That Council:

Commences the statutory procedures under section 114 of the *Local Government Act 2020* to:

- (a) Sell the land from the discontinued road adjoining the rear of 4 and 5 Margtmary Avenue and 9 Fitzroy Street, Preston, shown as Lot 11 on TP020678K in **Appendix A** to the owner of 4 Margtmary Avenue, Preston, in accordance with Council Policy.
- (b) Gives notice of its intention to sell the land on Council's website and in such notice states that Council proposes to sell the land from the former road to the owner of 4 Margtmary Avenue, Preston, by private treaty and transfer to itself any land not sold, in accordance with Council policy.
- (c) As part of its community engagement process Council invites both written and verbal submissions on the proposed sale and deal with any submissions received in line with the principles set out in section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (d) That any submissions received be considered by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee.

Recommendation 3: Discontinued road adjoining 7 Dumbarton Street and 55 Dundee Street, Reservoir

That Council defer this item until contact is made with the owners at 55 Dundee Street, Reservoir, so that Council can ensure due process for all directly affect parties before any decision is made on this matter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.10

GOVERNANCE REPORT - JULY 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The matters covered under the Governance Report for the month of July 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 Meeting held on 28 June 2021;
- Community Advisory Committees six-month progress report

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Notes the Governance Report – July 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 six-month progress update from the Community Advisory Committees for the period December 2020 to May 2021 at **Appendix B** to this Report.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 21-087**

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes the Governance Report – July 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 six-month progress update from the Community Advisory Committees for the period December 2020 to May 2021 at **Appendix B** to this Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT OF CR. LINA MESSINA, MAYOR

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

- M9 Neighbouring Mayors and CEOs Meeting
- Council Meeting
- Audit and Risk Committee Meeting
- Meeting with Preston Trackside
- Preston Market Traders Meeting
- Mayoral Forum – Preston Market
- Meeting with the Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC) and the Department of Health (DH)
- Darebin NAIDOC Week Event – Bundoora Park
- Councillor Briefing Session
- Stakeholder Engagement Session
- Melbourne Transport Forum General Meeting
- Metro Group Stakeholder Discussion – Banksia Communications
- Meeting with Dr Samantha Ratnam - Preston Market
- Meeting with Fiona Patten
- Councillor Briefing Session
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Breakfast with Preston Lions President and Committee
- Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum Meeting
- Reservoir Revitalisation Board Meeting
- The Northern Business Achievement Awards Breakfast
- Northcote City FC B2B Networking Event
- July Melbourne Transport Forum Executive Meeting
- Darebin Jobs Link Forum

REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO

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

- Hearing of Submissions
- Weekly Councillor meetings
- CEO Employment matters Committee
- Age Care Briefing by Officers
- Councillors briefings X 6

- Stakeholder meetings x 2
- Active and healthy ageing advisory committees
- Special meeting
- Planning meeting x2
- ALGA conference
- Darebin Interfaith council meeting
- Council plan and budget discussions
- Procurement policy discussions
- One on one with Mayor
- Friends of Baucau meeting

REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS

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

- Weekly Councillor meetings
- Councillor briefings
- Council meeting
- Special Council meeting
- Council Plan & Budget discussion
- Active and Healthy Ageing Advisory Committee
- Darebin Disability Advisory Committee
- Hearing of submission
- One on one with the Mayor Messina
- CEO employment Committee meeting with Mary Crooks
- Online stake holder engagement with Deliberative Panel
- Stakeholder engagement
- Meeting with Deliberative Panel
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Regular Catch up on teams

REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE

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

- Council planning meeting
- Council meeting
- Councillor briefing
- Meeting with reservoir residents regarding upcoming planning application
- Consultant with residents regarding traffic issues, planning issue and laneways in Reservoir

REPORT OF CR. SUSANNE NEWTON

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

- Council meeting (online)
- Living Cities Forum (online)
- Weekly Councillor meetings (online)
- Councillor briefings x3 (online and in person)
- Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) board planning day (online)
- Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) governance and risk committee meeting (online)
- Darebin Art & Heritage Advisory Panel meeting, appointed co-chair
- Planning committee meeting
- Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) Leading the Agenda: Audit & Risk Committees: What you are too afraid to ask panel session - made closing remarks
- NAIDOC Week rugby match, Sullivan Reserve, Reservoir
- Stakeholder Engagement Session with Volunteering Victoria and Darebin Information, Volunteer & Resource Service (DIVRS)
- Interview with Michelle Kleinert from Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) Victoria about being a Councillor for their social media channels
- Interview with Dom Hennequin from JOY FM The Informer about gender-diverse bathrooms in Darebin.

REPORT OF CR. SUSAN RENNIE

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

- Weekly councillor on-line meetings
- Council meeting
- NAIDOC week event Bundoora Park
- Darebin Hard Rubbish heroes celebration event

- Councillor briefing x 3
- Stakeholder engagement session
- Meet with Kent Burgess YCH
- Film at the Reservoir library
- Libraries After Dark strategic meeting
- Glass at NTH
- Planning committee meeting
- Meeting with Mayor Messina
- La Trobe University transformation session
- Meetings and follow up re NARC redevelopment

REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY

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

- Council Meeting (online)
- Weekly Councillor Meetings (online)
- Councillor Briefings x3 (online and in person)
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Stakeholder Engagement Session with Volunteering Victoria and Darebin Information, Volunteer & Resource Service (DIVRS)
- Climate Emergency Australia Advocacy Group
- Climate Emergency Australia Strategic Group
- Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Advocacy Group
- Procurement Policy Meeting
- Northern Business Achievement Awards
- La Trobe University Transformation Briefing
- Meeting with Mayor

REPORT OF CR. EMILY DIMITRIADIS

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

- Attended Council briefings (online and in-person)
- Attended online community consultation about the Heidelberg Rd corridor
- Contact from residents about Heidelberg road corridor and parking concerns
- Contact (online/telephone) from small businesses about COVID-19 impact on them
- Attended Darebin Falcons NAIDOC event at home ground with Fitzroy stars players
- Attended Official Council meeting

- Attended DCMC board meeting

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, building works, Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre, planning – Heidelberg Rd, heritage and developments, playground equipment - Johnston Park, street trees, traffic management,
- Stakeholder Engagement Session – Volunteering Victoria and DVIRS
- Councillor briefings
- Regular meeting with Councillors
- Audit and Risk Committee meeting
- Planning committee meeting
- Monthly Council Meeting

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

9.1 REVIEW OF LANEWAY POLICY

Councillor: Tim Laurence

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

***That** Council officers report back to Council in September on the feasibility of undertaking a review of council's laneway policy with the view to include:*

- (1) Social justice measures for laneway transfers that factor in annual incomes;*
- (2) Sliding valuations based on 'future open space use' caveats;*
- (3) An environmental criteria' to maximise the preservation of green private open space when laneways are transferred and to ensure 'no net loss of green open space' from the disposal of discontinued laneways.*

Motion

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

That Council officers report back to Council in September 2021 with recommendations for the review of Council's 'Sale of minor Council property assets policy' that considers but is not limited to the following key matters:

- Social justice considerations of current DCC policy in regards to disused laneway transfers;
- Consideration of adjustments to the broad approach to equity within the current policy to provide different treatment for land parcels that have been cared for and maintained for over 12 years by residential owners
- Consideration of introducing an 'environmental criteria' in the 'Sale of minor Council property assets policy' to maximise the preservation of green private open space and private gardens when disused unmade laneways are transferred and to ensure there is 'a net increase in green open space' from the disposal of unmade discontinued laneways.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 21-088****MOVED: Cr. T Laurence****SECONDED: Cr. G Greco**

That Council officers report back to Council in September 2021 with recommendations for the review of Council's 'Sale of minor Council property assets policy' that considers but is not limited to the following key matters:

- Social justice considerations of current DCC policy in regards to disused laneway transfers;
- Consideration of adjustments to the broad approach to equity within the current policy to provide different treatment for land parcels that have been cared for and maintained for over 12 years by residential owners
- Consideration of introducing an 'environmental criteria' in the 'Sale of minor Council property assets policy' to maximise the preservation of green private open space and private gardens when disused unmade laneways are transferred and to ensure there is 'a net increase in green open space' from the disposal of unmade discontinued laneways.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**10. URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil

11. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

Nil

12. CLOSE OF MEETING


The meeting closed at 7.51 pm.

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