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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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

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



English

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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY 29 APRIL 2024

THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.05PM

The Chairperson, Mayor Newton 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. Susanne Newton (Mayor) (Chairperson)

Cr. Tim Laurence (Deputy Mayor)

Cr. Emily Dimitriadis

Cr. Gaetano Greco

Cr. Tom Hannan

Cr. Trent McCarthy

Cr. Lina Messina

Cr. Susan Rennie

Cr. Julie Williams – 6.09pm

Council Officers

Peter Smith - Chief Executive Officer

Kylie Bennetts - General Manager Community

Enna Giampiccolo - Acting General Manager Customer and Corporate

Rachel Ollivier - General Manager Operations and Capital

Vanessa Petrie - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

Anthony Smith - Acting Manager Governance and Communications

Jody Brodribb - Coordinator Governance Services

The Chairperson, Mayor Newton also welcomed Ross Millard who is one of two Municipal Monitors announced today by the Minister for Local Government. Mr Millard, along with Ms June Anstee have been appointed to Darebin from today until 31 December 2024.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

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

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

3. APOLOGIES

Nil

4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Vanessa Petrie, General Manager City Strategy and Sustainability (GMCS&S) disclosed that she had a general conflict of interest which has previously been disclosed to the Chief Executive Officer in relation a public question and the Item 9.2 Draft 2024-25 Budget And Associated Documents.

Cr. Rennie disclosed a general conflict of interest in Items 9.2 Draft 2024-25 Budget And Associated Documents and 9.4 Draft Draft Leasing & Licensing Policy - Relating To Neighbourhood Houses as she manages the Jika Jika Community Centre which is a subject of both reports.

Cr. McCarthy disclosed a material conflict of interest in Item 9.2 Draft 2024-25 Budget And Associated Documents as his employment with Melbourne Polytechnic involves contractual and other relationships with individuals and organisations impacted by councils decisions in reallion to 2 Wingrove St, Alphington.

Cr. Messina disclosed a general conflict of interest in Item 9.2 Draft 2024-25 Budget And Associated Documents as she is a director of Assista Group Pty Ltd and this company consults on aged care.

Cr. Laurence disclosed a general conflict of interest in Item 9.2 Draft 2024-25 Budget And Associated Documents as a family member lives near Northcote Golf Course and has a residential amenity interest.

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 24-048

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

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 25 March 2024 and the Special Meeting of Council held on 18 April 2024 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. COUNCIL'S OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES

The Mayor made the following statement:

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

It's great to see everyone here this evening. I would like to remind everyone in attendance to be respectful of each other, and as outlined in our Governance Rules, please note the following:

- *A Councillor or any other person who addresses a Meeting must do so in a courteous and respectful manner and must take direction from the Chairperson whenever called on to do so.*
- *Any member of the public physically attending a Meeting must not utter any offensive, indecent, insulting, or objectionable item or words, including words that are racist, sexist or homophobic, or interject or gesticulate offensively in the Council Chamber.*
- *Silence must be preserved by the gallery at all times during a Meeting (other than by a person in the gallery who is invited to address the Meeting).*
- *If any member of the public engages in conduct that is improper or disorderly, the Chairperson may direct that person to cease their conduct and the person must comply with that direction.*

7. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

The following public questions were submitted and addressed.

- **Liz Landray of Northcote**

1. Is it intended that Darebin's LGBTIQA+ Action Plan will be put to Council for adoption before the 2024 election period caretaker arrangements commence?

Response from General Manager Community

Thank you for the question, Liz.

Engagement for Council's LGBTIQA+ Action Plan was completed on 31 March. Officers are currently reviewing this feedback which will assist to develop the action plan. Officers will provide an update to Council on the next steps and timeframes in due course but are using best endeavours to progress this important work as much as possible prior to Council entering the caretaker period.

- **Carmen Lahiff-Jenkins of Reservoir**

1. *[Regarding the costs associated with the administration of Special Council meetings in January and February 2024 and questions asked at the previous Council meeting] I found the response unclear, may I kindly request Darebin Council to provide, in monetary terms and through a loss of activity breakdown, the number of hours lost and their associated costs?*
2. Additionally, I would like to know the number of extra consultancy hours undertaken specifically for extraordinary meetings and their associated costs? Darebin residents deserve transparency regarding the expenses incurred during extraordinary meetings, particularly given the current cost of living and housing crises. Good governance, focusing on frontline council objectives, is paramount to our community's well-being.

Response from General Manager General Manager Customer & Corporate

Thank you for your question, Carmen.

1. **The use of Special Council Meetings (unscheduled meetings) are convened for a particular purpose or matter that cannot conveniently be dealt with in the next Ordinary Council Meeting. The use of Special Council Meetings is a part of normal council business.**

As advised at the February Council Meeting the direct costs associated with running Special Meetings were minimal. Indirect costs included additional administrative effort to support the Special Meetings.

2. **There were no consultancy hours undertaken specifically for extraordinary (special) meetings.**

- **Andrew Langone of Kingsbury**

The suburb Kingsbury is named after the late, Bruce steel Kingsbury, but we don't have a park in honour of his name nor a memorial stone with a description, just a suburb named after the man, without and recognition for what he achieved. I asked this question back in 2018, was told back then that there was a process to change the name of a park, but council would look into it, and that I would get a response from council officers, but never heard a thing back.

I'd like to propose that link park in Kingsbury be renamed 'Bruce Steel Memorial Park', with a place for a memorial stone.

Response from General Manager Infrastructure Operations & Finance

Thank you, for your feedback and suggestions Anthony.

I am sorry to hear you have not yet had a response from officers.

The council has no current plans to name a park in honor of Bruce Kingsbury and is progressing other naming priorities at the moment.

However, any member of the Darebin community or group can make a naming proposal via the Council's website. I will ask officers to share details with you about how to do this and the processes that are used by Council once proposals are received.

- **Nino Galgano of Reservoir**

1. The main entrances to Edwardes Lake Park are poorly maintained, lack character and in need of a major overhaul. When will Council introduce plans to re-develop the main entrance at Edwardes St & Griffiths St including reinstating the original wrought iron "Edwardes Lake" sign?
2. When will Council introduce plans to develop and improve Edwardes Lake's supporting infrastructure including construction of a boardwalk along sections of the lake for improved safety and access using environmentally friendly solutions?
3. What water improvement initiatives has the Edwardes Lake Taskforce recommended including aeration systems to help improve water quality and create a unique water feature and attraction for park visitors?

Response from General Manager Infrastructure Operations & Finance

Thank you for your questions, Nino.

1. **Edwardes Lake Park is an important community asset and council invests significantly in looking after it. I am pleased to advise that garden bed renewal and replacement at the main entrances will be taking place this winter through Council's rewilding program. Native planting and soil replacement will be part of this work, along with removing aging plants to create a general uplift to this area.**

There are no current plans to install the original wrought iron signs at Edwardes Lake Park. Council is considering its budget this evening, and there is an opportunity for community members to highlight their priorities to Council through the upcoming engagement process.

2. We look at the needs for renewing infrastructure at the park every year as well as prioritising improvements across all the Parks in Darebin. Generally Edwardes Lake Park's infrastructure has been assessed as of a suitable type for a regional park of this type. We don't have plans to install a boardwalk at Edwardes Lake.
3. Investigations of aeration systems were completed with assistance from the Edgars Creek and Edwardes Lake Task Force. Melbourne Water also assisted with modelling to understand the best practice for managing the lake for improved water quality including aeration.

Improvements to the low flow wetlands have been completed, which will help purify the water as it enters the lake system. This was advised as priority over aeration devices.

The draft capital works budget for 2024/25 which council will consider later this evening proposes funding for design work for a Pollution Trap at Edgars Creek. This will help to improve the water as it enters the lake system.

- **Lilly Levine**

1. Can council please advise what it intends to do address and clean up the streets. The area has never presented so poorly full of graffiti on buildings and poles and traffic signs. I also heard that the person who cleans up this has recently had his role ended, is this correct
2. What is the process for tabling new motions, is there a requirement or need for them to be discussed with other Councilors and community members prior to being tabled.

Response from General Manager Infrastructure Operations & Finance

1. Council is responsible for graffiti removal on Council owned property and assets and graffiti on private shops and houses is the responsibility of the owners of this property.

Graffiti on traffic signs is likely to be Council's responsibility, as is graffiti on benches, footpaths and some poles. In March 2024, Council commenced a new "blitz" style approach with proactive cleaning schedules of its assets to give a lift area by area. We expect this to help lift the cleanliness, however it is not expected to address graffiti on private properties.

Council is considering its draft budget tonight and this proposes a limited trial of some removal from private property targeted to 1-3 high use shopping areas.

The council has not ended any staff roles, or reduced budget allocated to graffiti removal through contractors.

Response from General Manager General Manager Customer & Corporate

2. In accordance with the Governance Rules - 6.1. Notice of Motion Arrangements:
(3) The Councillor proposing a Notice of Motion must circulate the draft Notice of Motion (including a brief rationale) to all Councillors for information before lodging it with the Chief Executive Officer.

6.21pm - Vanessa Petrie, GMCS&S left the meeting

- **Rina Gentile of Reservoir**

1. With regards to the Edwardes Lake Boathouse, has the restrictive covenant been removed and will Council consider submitting the site to public tender in order to evaluate potential investment/ development opportunities including a cafe/ restaurant facility?
2. With regards to the former Reservoir Library which Council last year deemed a priority site for strategic assessment, what progress has been made to evaluate potential development opportunities including scope of works and proposed timelines for the existing building and the surrounding carpark?
3. With regards to the former Reservoir Police Precinct. what was the outcome following last year's review of registrations of interest undertaken by Council and what is the scope of works planned for this site including proposed timelines?

Response from General Manager Infrastructure Operations & Finance

Thank you for your question, Rina,

1. I can advise that Council has engaged a solicitor in England to act on its behalf in this matter and that at this time the restrictive original Gifting Agreement remains in force.

Council is aiming to bring the Boathouse to life as a venue or business and/or to refurbish the boathouse to be a community meeting space. Council is working towards an Expression of Interest process which is likely to be released in the second half of 2024.

2. Council has commenced investigative works to identify the constraints of the site, analyse the built form controls, so that it can understand the potential development envelope and identify options and issues. A key question that will be assessed is whether the current planning zone should be considered for change. This type of project is expected to take 3-5 years overall and is expected to require substantial community consultation and likely both Council and State Government approval.
3. I can advise that review of the registrations of interest for the lease of the former Reservoir Police station was placed on hold until the settlement of the Victoria Police makegood of the site was finalised which is now very close to final.

Officers have re-commenced the assessment process with the applicants. The scope of works will form part of the lease negotiation.

6.23pm - Vanessa Petrie, GMCS&S returned to the meeting

- **Brian Sanaghan of Preston**

I have witnessed many young parents who ride bicycles with very young children riding on a seat mounted over the rear wheel. I believe it is a practice that is hazardous to what are by any measure infants.

I have two questions:

1. Are bicycles registered to carry passengers?

2. What is Council's policy on this practice?

Response from General Manager City Sustainability & Strategy

Thank you for your questions Brian.

Under the Road Safety Road Rule 246, the rider of a bicycle must not carry more persons than the bicycle is designed to carry.

A single-seat bicycle with a child's seat attached is designed to carry 2 people, one on the bicycle seat and one on the attached child's seat.

Council does not have a Policy on this practice; however Council strongly recommends all people abide by the Road Safety Road Rules.

- **Serena O'Meley**

During public question time on October 24, 2022, I inquired about an unfinished building at 1 Macartney Street Reservoir. The building's exposed steel frame and graffiti-covered hoardings are an eyesore in the neighbourhood. The planning permit for the site was originally issued in 2010, yet 14 years later the building remains unfinished. I request clarification on two points:

1. Why did Darebin Council choose to issue yet another planning permit (expiring in October 2025)?
2. Why hasn't Darebin Council used its powers under by-law 28(2) to fine the owner for allowing the building to become "unsightly" or "detrimental to the general character and amenity of the area in which it is located" or "dilapidated"?

Response from General Manager City Sustainability & Strategy

Thank you for the question Serena.

For clarity, the unfinished building in question is at 1c at that address.

Following the lapsing of the planning permit, a new planning permit was issued in August 2023. The delegates report outlines the reasons for granting, and you can request a copy of this report.

Because Council has initiated enforcement proceedings under the Building Act, additional action under the Local Law has not been pursued at this point.

- **Matthew Heafield of Northcote**

With budget review and discussion upon us I ask if we can bring forward the proposed funding of the Bill Lawry Oval redevelopment Masterplan from the 2025 budget into this year's 2024 budget?

Response from General Manager Infrastructure Operations & Finance

Thank you for your feedback and question, Matthew.

Council has a tight capital budget with lots of important priorities across the municipality requiring attention. The timing of the Bill Lawry Oval project, like all capital projects, is a matter for Council.

Council will be considering its draft 2024-25 budget this evening whether to proceed to community consultation. I would encourage you and all residents to share your views about the draft budget during the consultation period.

- **Matthew Zammit of Thornbury**

1. What is Darebin Council's understanding of the positive duty to eliminate discrimination, as required by s.15 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic)?
2. What is Darebin Council's understanding of direct and indirect discrimination, as set out in sections 8 and 9 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic)?
3. If a road closure permit is required for a works project that requires closure of a street for one day, is it necessary to obtain a Traffic Management Plan prepared by a qualified company or professional, and if so, is there a penalty for not complying with such a requirement?

Response from General Manager Community

1 & 2 Thank you for the questions Matthew.

The Victorian *Equal Opportunity Act 2010* protects people from discrimination and harassment in areas of public life including workplaces and places that provide services. As an employer, a service provider and in its operations, Council is bound by the Act, which prohibits discrimination, whether direct or indirect, on the basis of many personal characteristics (e.g. age, race, sex, disability).

The Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission has clear guidance on what constitutes direct and indirect discrimination.

As outlined in Council's *Towards Equality: Equity, Inclusion and Human Rights Framework 2019-29*, the Victorian Equal Opportunity Act aims for greater equality and the prevention of discrimination by placing a "positive duty" on local councils to take proactive, reasonable and proportionate measures to eliminate discrimination, sexual harassment and victimisation.

This means Council strives to be an equal opportunity employer and reviews its services, programs, places, spaces and operations to prevent discrimination.

An Equity Impact Assessment is a key internal process that seeks to ensure Council policies, programs and services are accessible, equitable, inclusive and responsive to our community. This process seeks to improve outcomes for communities experiencing disadvantage or discrimination and to comply with our positive duty under the Act.

Response from General Manager City Sustainability & Strategy

3. Thank you for the question, Matthew

Yes, section 99A of the *Road Safety Act 1986* requires a traffic management plan for works or for non-road related activities.

The traffic management plan must comply with the prescribed requirements and be prepared in accordance with any requirements of the council as the coordinating road authority.

Under Section 16 of Schedule 7 of the *Road Management Act 2004*, it is an offence to conduct works on a road unless consent has been received.

- **Anne Laver**

Can Council take steps to introduce a Vacancy Tax, and please write to the Victorian Government to a) take action to upgrade the public housing of those which are empty and b) to consider an amendment to the Planning Act which offers an incentive that enables any owners of vacant shops the option to convert their property to housing.

Response from General Manager City Sustainability & Strategy

Thank you for the question Anne.

The Vacant Residential Land Tax is a Victorian (State) Government tax which was introduced in 2018 and currently applies within the City of Darebin.

You raise an amendment to the planning scheme.

Council is currently working on an update to the Darebin Housing Strategy to examine housing demand, and the ways that the supply of housing across Darebin can be increased. Council is considering its budget for consultation tonight, which proposes a project to update the planning scheme with this strategy.

Council continues to advocate to the Victorian Government to introduce mandatory affordable housing contributions into planning schemes and to increase social housing by making efficient and effective use of public land and investment, establishing sustained funding streams, and partnering with Darebin to deliver local projects and allied services and support.

6.34pm - Vanessa Petrie, GMCS&S left the meeting

- **Jim Crosthwaite, Fairfield**

1. As a member of the Affordable EV Hub subgroup of Darebin Climate Action Now, I would like to know how Council can ensure that prospects for the Hub will not be greatly diminished if [a current lessee] has to move all his equipment, tools and experimental vehicles from 2 Wingrove Avenue before we know the results of the EOI process, noting that Council's end of May deadline for leaving the site is just days after the deadline for submissions closes on 22nd May?
2. Can [the current lessee] please be allowed to remain & continue to operate on a temporary lease until the EOI process has been finalised?

6.36pm – Cr McCarthy left the meeting after disclosing a conflict of interest due to the question relating to 2 Wingrove St, Alphington

Response from General Manager Infrastructure Operations & Finance

Thank you for your question Jim,

I cannot share information about a particular licence publicly or with someone who is not the licensee themselves. Therefore I'm sorry, but I cannot answer your question directly. I can advise that council officers are in direct contact with all licensees.

I can advise that we welcome any applications for the EOI process that has been announced and these will be considered fairly.

- **Kay Wennagel of Hawthorn**

1. Regarding the EOI process for 2 Wingrove St, how will applicants be ranked in the decision-making process? Will a not-for-profit status be a criteria for council's decision making?
2. Will council allow Evolution Automotive to remain on the premises and operate his business until the end of the EOI process?

Response from General Manager Infrastructure Operations & Finance

Thank you for your question, Kay,

The Evaluation Criteria section of the EOI document sets out the weighting to be applied in assessing each respondent's application. These include, Alignment with Council's vision, benefit provided to Darebin City Council, that the proposed use provides a service to culturally and linguistically diverse community members, persons with a disability, or First Nations people.

I cannot share information about a particular licence publicly or with someone who is not the licensee themselves. Therefore I'm sorry, but I cannot answer your question directly. I can advise that council officers are in direct contact with all licensees.

- **Marion Gray, Alphington**

1. Regarding the petition for an Affordable EV Hub lodged at the last Council meeting, could Council please prepare a written reply to myself Marion Gray on behalf of the DCAN EV Hub Subgroup, for circulation to the 1300+ petition signatories, responding to each of the petition's requests?
2. Has a lease for the shed which Craig Bishop currently occupies already been granted to a boxing gym?

Response from General Manager Infrastructure Operations & Finance

Thank you Marion for your question,

1. The petition has been referred to the CEO for response and delegated to myself as responsible GM. as part of responding, I met with you recently to understand more about what you are seeking. I hope this time also provided you with an understanding of some of the considerations and obligations council has.

As discussed, I will formally write to you as the petition organiser, and then we would leave it up to you to communicate with others involved in the petition.

2. I cannot discuss any specific leases publicly or with any other than the licensee or lessee. I can say that council is currently advertising an EOI for part or all of shed 1D and that no applications or decisions have been made about this as yet. applications are open and we look forward to receiving applications.

EXTENSION OF PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – 6.39PM

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. L Messina
SECONDED: Cr. J Williams

That Public Question Time be extended for up to 30 minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.40pm – Cr McCarthy & Vanessa Petrie returned to the meeting

- **Marion Attwater of Pascoe Vale**

1. I have a question about the Election Period Policy which was amended and endorsed at the 23 October 2023 Council meeting, without any process of community engagement. Boroondara Council recently tried to do the same thing in February of this year, but after questions were raised about the validity of amending the Governance Rules without community engagement, they instead chose to put the Election Period Policy on public exhibition. That is the requirements of section 60(4) of the Local Government Act 2020. My question for Councillors is, are you satisfied that your resolution of 23 October 2023 about the Election Period Policy was a sound one that cannot be challenged?
2. My next question is about the Governance Report which asks Councillor to note a leave of absence of one Councillor from 7 to 13 April 2024, and why hasn't there been any similar note about the Mayor's leave of absence from Christmas until early February 2024?

Response from General Manager General Manager Customer & Corporate

Thank you for your questions, Marion

1. In relation to the Governance Rules and the election period policy included within the Governance Rules, I will take this on notice.
 2. As advised at the March Council Meeting, there wasn't a prescribed process in the Governance Rules for leave requests. From this meeting held 29 April 2024, leave requests will be captured in the Governance Report and reported to Council.
- **John Nugent of Epping**
1. Mayor, recently I submitted a petition with 125 signatures requesting the pathways to be extended and completed on Donath west and to be included in the 24/25 Council

Budget. Mayor I forgot to put in the petition that lighting needs to be done urgently as people walk through the park at night. I noticed there are 2 sealed pathways on both sides of the railway lines that runs from Fairfield station to Alphington station also from Regent Station to Preston Station. Mayor the Parks that I looked at all had lighting throughout park making it more safe, than no lighting at all. Mayor – Donath West is falling further behind other parks in the city. Mayor I want your personal assurances from you that you will support this project at Donath West in the 24/25 Budget Process

2. Mayor, two meetings ago i asked the question, why is Council killing off democracy and transparency in Darebin. I was advised that the Councillors set the agenda for the number of Council Meetings to be held each year. Previously meetings were held fortnightly, then every 3 weeks and now monthly. The Mayor and Councillors are receiving nearly five hundred thousand dollars for 10/11 Council Meetings and if we include briefing sessions it is cost the ratepayers approx \$21,500 a meeting and session to ask questions. Mayor if we had more Council Meetings the people could ask more questions and democracy and transparency would be able to flourish in the city. Mayor – as spokesperson for the Councillors what are you going to do to improve transparency and democracy in Darebin
3. Mayor at a Council Meeting (many years ago) I was advised by the Council “that Darebin will come first all the time and Darebin will look after Darebin people first”.

Now that the Preston Market is saved, as I have been told, will now your staff do something about the parking at the market on Saturdays and Sundays from mid August to the end of September. Mayor my question is will Council staff go into the market and talk to the shopkeepers, how this period effects them and what percentage is their take is down and what I was told years ago. Darebin Residents come first. Mayor – I have attached a list of shopkeepers where this information was obtained, and will Council now look after the workers and public as I was told years ago.

Response from General Manager Infrastructure Operations & Finance

1. Thank you for the feedback and questions John.

Council has a tight capital budget with lots of important priorities across the municipality requiring attention. Your suggestion, like all capital projects, is a matter for Council.

That said, there aren't current plans to extend the pathways or lighting at Donath West. Council's long term plans are guided by the master plan at this site.

There will be an opportunity to make a submission through the budget consultation and I would encourage any interested residents to participate.

Response from General Manager General Manager Customer & Corporate

2. Thank you for your question, John

Annually, Council resolves to confirm its meeting schedule for the year ahead. The Ordinary Meetings of Council are held monthly, except for the month of January.

On occasion, Special Council Meetings (unscheduled meetings) are convened for a particular purpose or matter that cannot conveniently be dealt with in the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

Response from General Manager City Sustainability & Strategy

3. Thank you for the question John

The car parking at Preston Market is privately owned. Any parking restrictions are developed and installed by Preston Market management.

Submission

The Chairperson, Mayor Newton invited Matthew Zammit to make his submission regarding Item 9.3 Draft Council Plan and Action Plan.

8. PETITIONS

Nil

9. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

9.1 SPECIAL RATE RENEWAL - NORTHCOTE, PRESTON AND FAIRFIELD BUSINESS PRECINCTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report sets out the process for the proposed renewal of the special rate schemes in the business precincts of High Street Northcote, Preston Central and Fairfield Village.

A list of rateable properties within the three business precincts is in **Appendix A**.

The respective Business Associations have written to Council requesting that they commence a process to renew the special rate for their business precincts. Each business association has asked Council to renew their respective levy based on their nominated total amount and with a yearly increase throughout the 5-year period calculated via their nominated method.

The letters from the business associations are in **Appendix B, C, D**.

A Special Rate Levy in this context is used for promotional, advertising, marketing, business development and other incidental expenses of these business districts.

Reservoir Village is not a part of this renewal, as their special charge was renewed in 2022.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 24-049

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

That Council

- (1) Gives notice in accordance with section 163 of the *Local Government Act 1989* of Council's intention to declare:
 - a. A special rate for the encouragement of business and commerce in the Preston Business district (for all rateable land in the geographic area identified in Appendix A) for a period of five years commencing on 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2029 to levy an amount of \$108,901 in year one, increasing each year according to CPI.
 - b. A special rate for the encouragement of business and commerce in the Fairfield Business district (for all rateable land in the geographic area identified in Appendix A) for a period of five years commencing on 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2029 to levy an amount of \$76,500 in year one, increasing each year by \$2,500.
 - c. A special rate for the encouragement of business and commerce in the Northcote Business district (for all rateable land in the geographic area identified in Appendix A) for a period of five years commencing on 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2029 to levy an amount of \$96,555 in year one, increasing each year by Council rate cap.
- (2) All submissions relating to the proposed special rates will be considered in accordance with the principles of section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*. The submission period will be open for 28 days until 27 May 2024.

- (3) Note that any person requesting to be heard in support of their written submission regarding the proposed renewal of the aforementioned Special Rates will be heard by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee at 6.00pm on 3 June 2024.
- (4) That Council gives notice in accordance with section 163 of the *Local Government Act 1989* of Council's intention to declare, at a Council meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 24 June 2024, the above mentioned special rates.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 DRAFT 2024-25 BUDGET AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

Vanessa Petrie, General Manager City Strategy and Sustainability disclosed that she had a general conflict of interest which has previously been disclosed to the Chief Executive Officer in relation a public question and the Item 9.2 Draft 2024-25 Budget And Associated Documents.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recommends that Council endorse its draft 2024-25 budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) & draft revised Revenue and Rating Plan, to proceed to community exhibition.

Financial challenges continue to impact us all. High inflation, increasing labour, materials, and construction costs, along with rising interest rates, has placed significant pressures on the Council's draft budget. These challenges have required the review of the strategic plans and priorities to ensure delivery of projects and priorities that matters most to the Darebin community, whilst being financially sustainable and fiscally responsible.

A carefully prioritised and financially responsible capital works program focused on renewal of assets and those addressing highest priority needs has been proposed in the draft budget. This includes investing in new kindergartens and redeveloping two pavilions throughout the community. Our draft operating budget has prioritised delivery of community services and programs people rely on, which have the highest impact towards our community's social and sustainability goals and which provide community support at a time when cost of living pressures are impacting many households and businesses.

Our community has established a clear vision for Darebin in 2041 and the draft budget for the 4 years ahead is designed to work towards this. Our community sees Darebin in 2041 as "an equitable, vibrant and connected community" which "respects and supports First Nations People, values country, our diverse communities and places." and our community's vision is that "Darebin commits to mitigating the climate emergency, creating prosperity for current and future generations.

The draft 4-year Budget incorporates provision for investment in improved technology and systems which will improve efficiency and reduce costs in the longer term. This investment will significantly enhance the community experience and enable achievement of Council goals and plans more efficiently.

Once endorsed by Council, the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year budget) & the draft revised Revenue and Rating Plan, will be made available for community exhibition for 21 days from 30 April to 20 May 2024. After having considered community feedback, Council will consider the adoption of its 2024-25 Budget and draft revised Revenue and Rating Plan at the Council meeting on 24 June 2024.

The draft 2024-25 Budget is community focused, delivering projects and services that are highly valued by residents, businesses, and visitors. Highlights include, but are not limited to:

- Approximately 21,000 immunisations including over 6000 flu vaccines.
- Toy library services for approximately 1,100 members.
- Approximately 1,500 home visits to new parents and delivery of 80 New Parent Groups.

- Three library branches open seven days a week and one six days a week, with spaces to work, study, and read with access to free Wi-Fi, PCs, and laptops to help bridge the digital divide.
- Physical and digital library collections to meet the needs of our community, including language collections in Arabic, Chinese, Greek, Hindi, Italian, Macedonian, Punjabi, Spanish, and Vietnamese.
- Extensive event programs to support literacy, reader development and community learning, celebrate cultural diversity, engage our community and reduce social isolation
- Aquatic and recreation facilities, indoor sports stadiums, athletics track, golf courses, outdoor gym equipment and over 150 parks to support health and recreation participation for all.
- 45,000 people expected to attend an arts precincts venue, enjoying 227 performances and 257 workshops/activities.
- 10 Major exhibitions and 120+ participatory art workshops will be hosted at Bundoora Homestead Art Gallery.
- Support business to grow the local economy and anticipate \$2.9 billion to be spent within the Dartebein economy through 49 million transactions. Expecting \$600 million to be spent in dining and entertainment sector and \$415 million in grocery stores and supermarkets.
- Approximately 150,000 hours of aged care services, programs and assistance
- Enhancing more than two hectares of rewilding in parkland with indigenous plants. Increasing canopy cover by planting 900 trees in streetscapes and 300 trees in parks.
- Maintenance of more than 625km of drainage networks.
- Inspections, maintenance and upkeep of over 530km of roads and 100km of sealed paths.
- Safety and operational upgrades across our network of 333 Council owned buildings.
- Animal registrations for around 17,000 pets.
- Maintenance of more than 53 sporting ovals and fields.
- Maintenance of more than 30km of shared bike paths.
- Support for the installation of 150 solar systems or electrification upgrades to residential homes.
- Collection of over 50,000 tonnes of kerbside, recycling and organic waste, two hard waste collections and over 72,000 kilometers travelled by our streetsweepers delivering roadside cleaning.
- Delivery of green organic and food organic (FOGO) waste recycling service for all residential ratepayers, excluding multi-unit dwellings.
- Approximately 2,400 inspections of businesses for compliance with the Food, Tobacco and Public Health and Wellbeing Acts.
- A minimum of 255 food samples are obtained from local businesses for compliance with the food standards code to assist in food safety regulation.
- Expecting to process over 1,200 building permits and more than 3,000 property information requests.
- Receive and respond to over 1,500 customer requests regarding road operations and safety.

The Chairperson, Mayor Newton, advised that the points (1), (2) and (3) of the Officers Recommendation would be considered separately to enable councillors with conflicts of interest to leave the chamber for those parts their conflicts related to.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Note that expenditure of \$240,000 for Jika Jika Community Centre works has been included in the 2024-25 financial year of the draft 4-year Capital Works Program.
- (2) Note that expenditure of \$600,000 for Northcote Golf Course Eastern Path & Northern Park works has been included in the 2027-28 year of the draft 4-year Capital Works Program.
- (3) Note that net expenditure of \$6.4 million to deliver Aged Care related services has been included in the 2024-25 year of the draft operating budget.
- (4) Endorse the officer recommendation on the report “*Waiver of Licence Fees for Sporting Clubs*” (**Appendix F**) for the continuation of the current performance subsidy program and that officers commence a holistic review as noted in the report.
- (5) Endorse the officer recommendation on the report to Council on “*John Cain Memorial Park Gender Inclusive Facilities Project Update*” (**Appendix G**) noting the status and required works to progress the project.
- (6) Endorse the officer recommendation on the report to Council on “*Plant Based Treaty and Victorian Food Consensus Statement*” (**Appendix H**) to consider food resilience and security in the future work of implementing Climate Emergency Plan.
- (7) Note that councillors received a briefing on 15 April 2024 which covered four topics that Council resolved to refer to the budget development process for consideration:
 - i. Service delivery including graffiti
 - ii. Migration Public Artwork
 - iii. Climate Emergency Plan
 - iv. Reservoir Boathouse
- (8) Endorse the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) (**Appendix A**) and associated fees and charges (**Appendix B**), Capital Works Program (**Appendix C**) and Operating Projects (**Appendix D**), to resource the 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan, to proceed to community exhibition.
- (9) Note that the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) will be considered for adoption at a Council meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 24 June 2024.
- (10) Endorse the draft revised Revenue and Rating Plan 2023-2027 (**Appendix E**) to proceed to community exhibition.
- (11) Note that the draft Revenue and Rating Plan 2023-2027 will be considered for adoption at a Council meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 24 June 2024.

That Council:

- (12) Gives notice in accordance with section 162 of the *Local Government Act 1989* of Council's intention to declare, at a Council meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 24 June 2024:
 - a. A service rate for Public Waste Services in the 2024-25 year levied in accordance with the criteria in the Revenue and Rating Plan.

- b. A service charge for Kerbside Collection Services in the 2024-25 year in accordance with the criteria in the Revenue and Rating Plan.
- (13) Gives notice in accordance with section 169 of the *Local Government Act 1989* of Council's intention to grant, at a Council meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 24 June 2024:
- a. A concession for residential properties with a Capital Improved Value (CIV) value at \$500,000 or less by the Valuer General of Victoria that equates to 100% of the public waste rate. This concession will automatically be applied to the principal place of residence for ratepayers and will not require an application.
- b. A concession for residential properties with a CIV value at \$500,000 or less by the Valuer General of Victoria that caps the kerbside waste collection service fee to a maximum amount of \$50 for residential properties. This concession will automatically be applied to the principal place of residence for ratepayers and will not require an application.
- c. A Pensioner Concession of \$150 for pensioners who are holders of an eligible Centrelink or Veteran Affairs Pension Concession Card or a Veteran Affairs Gold Card which stipulates TPI or War Widow for the Kerbside Waste Collection Service Charge. This concession will be provided by direct provision (without application where information is known) for the Kerbside Collection Service Charge on their principal place of residence only.
- d. A Pensioner Safety Net Concession of \$150 for pensioners who are holders of a Centrelink or Veteran Affairs Pension Concession Card or a Veteran Affairs Gold Card which stipulates TPI or War Widow and who are not eligible for the Pensioner Concession for the Kerbside Waste Collection Service Charge, for the principal place of residence. Ongoing eligibility is maintained, unless rejected by Centrelink or the Department of Veteran Affairs during the annual verification procedure. Upon confirmation of an eligible pensioner concession status, the pensioner concessions deducted from the rate account before payment is required by the ratepayer.
- e. A concession of 100% (\$0) for general rates for all properties owned or managed by Aboriginal Housing Victoria as a 'registered agency', relating to the provision of affordable housing, in accordance with s169 (1d) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council's 'Statement of Commitment to Traditional Owners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people' and 'Toward Equality Framework'.
- (14) Notes that any person who makes a written submission in relation to the:
- a. draft Budget 2024-25;
- b. draft Revenue and Rating Plan;
- c. declaration of the public waste service rate;
- d. declaration of the service charge for kerbside collection services;
- e. granting of the three concessions aligned to equity principles to support waste cost recovery charges;
- f. granting of a Safety Net concession within general rates, aligned to equity principles, for pensioners who are not eligible for the Kerbside Waste Collection Charge Pensioner Concession;
- g. granting of a 100% concession for general rates for all properties owned or managed by Aboriginal Housing Victoria as a 'registered agency', relating to the provision of affordable housing; and
- may be heard by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee at 6.00pm on 3 June

2024.

- (15) Notes that in accordance with Section 93 and 96(1)(b) of the Act, consultation will be undertaken in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy.
- (16) Notes that in accordance with Section 94 of the 2020 Act and Regulation 8 of the Regulations, detailed information concerning General Rates and Charges is included in **Appendix A**.

7pm - Cr. Rennie disclosed a general conflict of interest in point (1) of this item as she manages the Jika Jika Community Centre, and left the meeting.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 24-050

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

That Council:

- (1) Note that expenditure of \$240,000 for Jika Jika Community Centre works has been included in the 2024-25 financial year of the draft 4-year Capital Works Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.03pm – Cr Rennie returned to the meeting

7.03pm - Cr. Laurence disclosed a general conflict of interest in point (2) of this item as a family member lives near Northcote Golf Course and has a residential amenity interest, and left the meeting.

Motion

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

- (2) Note that expenditure of \$600,000 for Northcote Golf Course Eastern Path & Northern Park works has been included in the 2027-28 year of the draft 4-year Capital Works Program, **and amend the draft Operating Projects Budget with the Inclusion of \$25,000 for naming of the new park on the east side of the Merri Creek in Northcote.**

POINT 2 OF THE MOTION AS AMENDED, WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 24-051

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

That Council:

- (2) Note that expenditure of \$600,000 for Northcote Golf Course Eastern Path & Northern Park works has been included in the 2027-28 year of the draft 4-year Capital Works Program, and amend the draft Operating Projects Budget with the Inclusion of \$25,000

for naming of the new park on the east side of the Merri Creek in Northcote.

CARRIED

For: Crs Newton, Hannan, Rennie, Greco, Williams, McCarthy and Messina

Against: Cr Dimitriadis

7.10pm - Cr Laurence returned to the meeting.

7.10pm - Cr. Messina disclosed a general conflict of interest in point (3) of this item as she is a director of Assista Group Pty Ltd and consults on aged care, and left the meeting.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 24-052

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

That Council:

- (3) Note that net expenditure of \$6.4 million to deliver Aged Care related services has been included in the 2024-25 year of the draft operating budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.15pm – Cr Messina returned to the meeting.

7.36pm – The Chairperson, Mayor Newton adjourned the meeting.

7.49pm – The meeting resumed.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- (4) Endorses the officer recommendation on the report “Waiver of Licence Fees for Sporting Clubs” (Appendix F) for the continuation of the current performance subsidy program and that officers commence a holistic review as noted in the report.
- (5) **Notes the report to Council on “John Cain Memorial Park Gender Inclusive Facilities Project Update” (Appendix G), and**
- a) **endorses Option 1 and**
 - b) **requests that the CEO (or delegate) work with SRV to seek to use the \$500,000 grant from the State Government to improve the existing JCMP North Change Pavilion female friendly facilities and contact Northcote City Football Club to provide them with an opportunity to add additional funding to augment the scope of the project, if they wish to.**
- (6) **Notes the report to Council on “Plant Based Treaty and Victorian Food Consensus Statement” (Appendix H), and**
- a) **endorses the Plant Based Treaty, and**

- b) **allocates \$5,000, funded as part of the Climate Emergency Plan delivery budget to undertake the climate food resilience scoping study in 2024-25, to inform further Council food action in subsequent years, and communicate this to the community.**
- (7) Notes that councillors received a briefing on 15 April 2024 which covered four topics that Council resolved to refer to the budget development process for consideration:
- i. Service delivery including graffiti
 - ii. Migration Public Artwork
 - iii. Climate Emergency Plan
 - iv. Reservoir Boathouse
- (8) Endorses the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) (Appendix A) and associated fees and charges (Appendix B), Capital Works Program (Appendix C) and Operating Projects (Appendix D), to resource the 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan, to proceed to community exhibition, **with the following amendments:**
- a) **Reductions to the Operating Projects Budget**
 - i. **Reduction of \$10,000 from service reviews**
 - ii. **Removal of \$50,000 for micro mobility (E-scooter trial)**
 - iii. **Reduction of \$50,000 from placemaking program**
 - iv. **Removal of \$50,000 for additional graffiti removal**
 - v. **Removal of \$40,000 to establish a water sensitive urban design (WSUD) in-lieu scheme**
 - vi. **Noting \$6,000 of unallocated operating budget**
 - b) **Carry forward and reallocate \$65,000 of unspent funding from the Community Grants program in the 2023-24 year.**
 - c) **Inclusions to the Operating Projects Budget and Operating Budget**
 - i. **Increase of \$50 (to \$200) to the pensioner concession that applies to the Kerbside Waste Service Charge and also to the Pensioner Safety Net Concession on the General Rates; noting that the pensioner concession on the Kerbside Waste Service change would be funded an increase to the Kerbside Waste Service Charge of approximately \$6.**
 - ii. **Inclusion of \$75,000 to review and rescope the Active Spaces Program**
 - iii. **Inclusion of \$80,000 to undertake stage one of master planning for 2 Wingrove Street Alphington including completing a development feasibility study, running a first stage Expressions of Interest process to identify potential partner organisations, and undertaking broad community consultation about the future of the site.**
 - iv. **Inclusion of \$35,000 to deliver a Wine and Food Festival at the Preston Town Hall in 2025.**
 - v. **Inclusion of \$15,000 to undertake broader consultation relating to how to best activate the Edwards Lake Boathouse.**
 - vi. **Inclusion of \$70K for a high level concept design for community engagement at the Reservoir Leisure Centre Project in the 2024-2025 financial year**
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- vii. **Inclusion of \$15,000 to deliver a Multicultural Oration in 2025**
 - viii. **Authorise the CEO (or delegate) prior to 30 June 2024 to allocate up to \$10,000 from currently unspent funds in the 2023/24 Community Grants Program to a suitable organisation(s) in Darebin that share food to support Darebin residents experiencing cost of living impacts**
- d) **Inclusions to the Capital works program budget**
- i. **Inclusion of \$180K for the Migration Public Artwork Project in the 2024-2025 financial year**
 - ii. **Inclusion of \$175,000 for the redevelopment of the Edwardes Lake Boathouse**
 - iii. **Inclusion of \$100,000 for Your Street, Your Say project(s) delivery in 2024-25, with projects to be confirmed after Council endorses Area B Your Street, Your Say priority projects at a future Council meeting.**
 - iv. **Inclusion of \$82,000 for resurfacing the entrance to Pitcher Park Oval**
 - v. **Inclusion of \$15K for planning and design for improved lighting at the Reservoir Athletic Track**
- e) **Reductions to the Capital Works Program budget:**
- i. **Deferral of \$400,000 for redevelopment of KP Hardiman pavilion from 2024-25 to the 2025-26 financial year, noting that this will not reduce the overall scope of the project, with a total of \$3M currently budgeted for capital works over 2024-25 and 2025-26**
 - ii. **Reduction of \$200,000 from the new tree planting program**
 - iii. **Deferral of \$200,000 from transport safety improvements**
 - iv. **Reduction of \$150,000 from community building improvements program**
 - v. **Reduction of \$100,000 from additional footpath renewal works**
 - vi. **Reduction of \$90,000 from open Space improvements program**
- (9) Note that the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) will be considered for adoption at a Council meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 24 June 2024.
- (10) Endorse the draft revised Revenue and Rating Plan 2023-2027 (Appendix E) to proceed to community exhibition.
- (11) Note that the draft Revenue and Rating Plan 2023-2027 will be considered for adoption at a Council meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 24 June 2024

That Council:

- (12) Gives notice in accordance with section 162 of the Local Government Act 1989 of Council's intention to declare, at a Council meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 24 June 2024:
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 - b. A service charge for Kerbside Collection Services in the 2024-25 year in accordance with the criteria in the Revenue and Rating Plan.
- (13) Gives notice in accordance with section 169 of the Local Government Act 1989 of Council's intention to grant, at a Council meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 24 June 2024:

- a. A concession for residential properties with a Capital Improved Value (CIV) value at \$500,000 or less by the Valuer General of Victoria that equates to 100% of the public waste rate. This concession will automatically be applied to the principal place of residence for ratepayers and will not require an application.
 - b. A concession for residential properties with a CIV value at \$500,000 or less by the Valuer General of Victoria that caps the kerbside waste collection service fee to a maximum amount of \$50 for residential properties. This concession will automatically be applied to the principal place of residence for ratepayers and will not require an application.
 - c. A Pensioner Concession of \$200 for pensioners who are holders of an eligible Centrelink or Veteran Affairs Pension Concession Card or a Veteran Affairs Gold Card which stipulates TPI or War Widow for the Kerbside Waste Collection Service Charge. This concession will be provided by direct provision (without application where information is known) for the Kerbside Collection Service Charge on their principal place of residence only.
 - g. A Pensioner Safety Net Concession of \$200 for pensioners who are holders of a Centrelink or Veteran Affairs Pension Concession Card or a Veteran Affairs Gold Card which stipulates TPI or War Widow and who are not eligible for the Pensioner Concession for the Kerbside Waste Collection Service Charge, for the principal place of residence. Ongoing eligibility is maintained, unless rejected by Centrelink or the Department of Veteran Affairs during the annual verification procedure. Upon confirmation of an eligible pensioner concession status, the pensioner concessions deducted from the rate account before payment is required by the ratepayer.
 - h. A concession of 100% (\$0) for general rates for all properties owned or managed by Aboriginal Housing Victoria as a 'registered agency', relating to the provision of affordable housing, in accordance with s169 (1d) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council's 'Statement of Commitment to Traditional Owners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people' and 'Toward Equality Framework'.
- (14) Notes that any person who makes a written submission in relation to the:
- a. draft Budget 2024-25;
 - b. draft Revenue and Rating Plan;
 - c. declaration of the public waste service rate;
 - d. declaration of the service charge for kerbside collection services;
 - e. granting of the three concessions aligned to equity principles to support waste cost recovery charges;
 - f. granting of a Safety Net concession within general rates, aligned to equity principles, for pensioners who are not eligible for the Kerbside Waste Collection Charge Pensioner Concession;
 - g. granting of a 100% concession for general rates for all properties owned or managed by Aboriginal Housing Victoria as a 'registered agency', relating to the provision of affordable housing; and
- may be heard by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee at 6.00pm on 3 June 2024.
- (15) Notes that in accordance with Section 93 and 96(1)(b) of the Act, consultation will be undertaken in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy.
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- (16) Notes that in accordance with Section 94 of the 2020 Act and Regulation 8 of the Regulations, detailed information concerning General Rates and Charges is included in **Appendix A**.

7.50pm – Cr. McCarthy disclosed a material conflict of interest in Item 9.2 Draft 2024-25 Budget And Associated Documents as his employment with Melbourne Polytechnic involves contractual and other relationships with individuals and organisations impacted by councils decisions in relation to 2 Wingrove St, Alphington and left the meeting.

7.50pm – Vanessa Petrie, General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy left the meeting.

Cr Rennie foreshadowed an alternate motion if the below motion was lost.

Motion

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

That Council

- (8) Endorse the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) (Appendix A) and associated fees and charges (Appendix B), Capital Works Program (Appendix C) and Operating Projects (Appendix D), to resource the 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan, to proceed to community exhibition, **with the following amendments:**

c) **Inclusions to the Operating Projects Budget**

- iii. **Inclusion of \$80,000 to undertake stage one of master planning for 2 Wingrove Street Alphington including completing a development feasibility study, running a first stage Expressions of Interest process to identify potential partner organisations, and undertaking broad community consultation about the future of the site.**

LOST

For: Crs Dimitriadis, Greco, Williams and Laurence (4)
Against: Crs Hannan, Rennie, Messina and Newton (4)

The Chairperson, Mayor Newton used her casting vote against the motion. The motion was declared Lost.

Cr Rennie then moved the following foreshadowed Alternate Motion.

Alternate Motion

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

That Council:

- (8) Endorse the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) (Appendix A) and associated fees and charges (Appendix B), Capital Works Program (Appendix C) and Operating Projects (Appendix D), to resource the 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan, to proceed to community exhibition, **with the following amendments:**

c) **Inclusions to the Operating Projects Budget**

- iii. Inclusion of \$40,000 to undertake stage one of master planning for 2 Wingrove Street Alphington including completing a development feasibility study, running a first stage Expressions of Interest process to identify potential partner organisations.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 24-053

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

That Council:

- (8) Endorse the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) (Appendix A) and associated fees and charges (Appendix B), Capital Works Program (Appendix C) and Operating Projects (Appendix D), to resource the 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan, to proceed to community exhibition, with the following amendments:
 - c) Inclusions to the Operating Projects Budget
 - iii. Inclusion of \$40,000 to undertake stage one of master planning for 2 Wingrove Street Alphington including completing a development feasibility study, running a first stage Expressions of Interest process to identify potential partner organisations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.04pm – Cr McCarthy and Vanessa Petrie, General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy returned to the meeting.

The substantive motion before the Chairperson was as follows:

Substantive Motion

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- (4) Endorses the officer recommendation on the report “Waiver of Licence Fees for Sporting Clubs” (Appendix F) for the continuation of the current performance subsidy program and that officers commence a holistic review as noted in the report.
- (5) **Notes the report to Council on “John Cain Memorial Park Gender Inclusive Facilities Project Update” (Appendix G), and**
 - a) endorses Option 1 and
 - b) requests that the CEO (or delegate) work with SRV to seek to use the \$500,000 grant from the State Government to improve the existing JCMP North Change Pavilion female friendly facilities and contact Northcote City Football Club to provide them with an opportunity to add additional funding to augment the scope of the project, if they wish to.
- (6) **Notes the report to Council on “Plant Based Treaty and Victorian Food Consensus Statement” (Appendix H), and**
 - a) endorses the Plant Based Treaty, and

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- b) **allocates \$5,000, funded as part of the Climate Emergency Plan delivery budget to undertake the climate food resilience scoping study in 2024-25, to inform further Council food action in subsequent years, and communicate this to the community.**
- (7) Notes that councillors received a briefing on 15 April 2024 which covered four topics that Council resolved to refer to the budget development process for consideration:
- i. Service delivery including graffiti
 - ii. Migration Public Artwork
 - iii. Climate Emergency Plan
 - iv. Reservoir Boathouse
- (8) Endorses the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) (Appendix A) and associated fees and charges (Appendix B), Capital Works Program (Appendix C) and Operating Projects (Appendix D), to resource the 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan, to proceed to community exhibition, **with the following amendments:**
- a) **Reductions to the Operating Projects Budget**
 - i. **Reduction of \$10,000 from service reviews**
 - ii. **Removal of \$50,000 for micro mobility (E-scooter trial)**
 - iii. **Reduction of \$50,000 from placemaking program**
 - iv. **Removal of \$50,000 for additional graffiti removal**
 - v. **Removal of \$40,000 to establish a water sensitive urban design (WSUD) in-lieu scheme**
 - vi. **Noting \$6,000 of unallocated operating budget**
 - b) **Carry forward and reallocate \$65,000 of unspent funding from the Community Grants program in the 2023-24 year.**
 - c) **Inclusions to the Operating Projects Budget and Operating Budget**
 - i. **Increase of \$50 (to \$200) to the pensioner concession that applies to the Kerbside Waste Service Charge and also to the Pensioner Safety Net Concession on the General Rates; noting that the pensioner concession on the Kerbside Waste Service change would be funded an increase to the Kerbside Waste Service Charge of approximately \$6.**
 - ii. **Inclusion of \$75,000 to review and rescope the Active Spaces Program**
 - iv. **Inclusion of \$35,000 to deliver a Wine and Food Festival at the Preston Town Hall in 2025.**
 - v. **Inclusion of \$15,000 to undertake broader consultation relating to how to best activate the Edwards Lake Boathouse.**
 - vi. **Inclusion of \$70K for a high level concept design for community engagement at the Reservoir Leisure Centre Project in the 2024-2025 financial year**
 - vii. **Inclusion of \$15,000 to deliver a Multicultural Oration in 2025**
 - viii. **Authorise the CEO (or delegate) prior to 30 June 2024 to allocate up to \$10,000 from currently unspent funds in the 2023/24 Community Grants Program to a suitable organisation(s) in Darebin that share food to support Darebin residents experiencing cost of living impacts**
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- d) **Inclusions to the Capital works program budget:**
- i. **Inclusion of \$180K for the Migration Public Artwork Project in the 2024-2025 financial year**
 - ii. **Inclusion of \$175,000 for the redevelopment of the Edwardes Lake Boathouse**
 - iii. **Inclusion of \$100,000 for Your Street, Your Say project(s) delivery in 2024-25, with projects to be confirmed after Council endorses Area B Your Street, Your Say priority projects at a future Council meeting.**
 - iv. **Inclusion of \$82,000 for resurfacing the entrance to Pitcher Park Oval**
 - v. **Inclusion of \$15K for planning and design for improved lighting at the Reservoir Athletic Track**
- e) **Reductions to the Capital Works Program budget:**
- i. **Deferral of \$400,000 for redevelopment of KP Hardiman pavilion from 2024-25 to the 2025-26 financial year, noting that this will not reduce the overall scope of the project, with a total of \$3M currently budgeted for capital works over 2024-25 and 2025-26**
 - ii. **Reduction of \$200,000 from the new tree planting program**
 - iii. **Deferral of \$200,000 from transport safety improvements**
 - iv. **Reduction of \$150,000 from community building improvements program**
 - v. **Reduction of \$100,000 from additional footpath renewal works**
 - vi. **Reduction of \$90,000 from open Space improvements program**
- (9) Note that the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) will be considered for adoption at a Council meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 24 June 2024.
- (10) Endorse the draft revised Revenue and Rating Plan 2023-2027 (Appendix E) to proceed to community exhibition.
- (11) Note that the draft Revenue and Rating Plan 2023-2027 will be considered for adoption at a Council meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 24 June 2024

That Council:

- (12) Gives notice in accordance with section 162 of the Local Government Act 1989 of Council's intention to declare, at a Council meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 24 June 2024:
- a. A service rate for Public Waste Services in the 2024-25 year levied in accordance with the criteria in the Revenue and Rating Plan.
 - b. A service charge for Kerbside Collection Services in the 2024-25 year in accordance with the criteria in the Revenue and Rating Plan.
- (13) Gives notice in accordance with section 169 of the Local Government Act 1989 of Council's intention to grant, at a Council meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 24 June 2024:
- a. A concession for residential properties with a Capital Improved Value (CIV) value at \$500,000 or less by the Valuer General of Victoria that equates to 100% of the public waste rate. This concession will automatically be applied to the principal place of residence for ratepayers and will not require an application.

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- b. A concession for residential properties with a CIV value at \$500,000 or less by the Valuer General of Victoria that caps the kerbside waste collection service fee to a maximum amount of \$50 for residential properties. This concession will automatically be applied to the principal place of residence for ratepayers and will not require an application.
 - c. A Pensioner Concession of \$200 for pensioners who are holders of an eligible Centrelink or Veteran Affairs Pension Concession Card or a Veteran Affairs Gold Card which stipulates TPI or War Widow for the Kerbside Waste Collection Service Charge. This concession will be provided by direct provision (without application where information is known) for the Kerbside Collection Service Charge on their principal place of residence only.
 - d. A Pensioner Safety Net Concession of \$200 for pensioners who are holders of a Centrelink or Veteran Affairs Pension Concession Card or a Veteran Affairs Gold Card which stipulates TPI or War Widow and who are not eligible for the Pensioner Concession for the Kerbside Waste Collection Service Charge, for the principal place of residence. Ongoing eligibility is maintained, unless rejected by Centrelink or the Department of Veteran Affairs during the annual verification procedure. Upon confirmation of an eligible pensioner concession status, the pensioner concessions deducted from the rate account before payment is required by the ratepayer.
 - e. A concession of 100% (\$0) for general rates for all properties owned or managed by Aboriginal Housing Victoria as a 'registered agency', relating to the provision of affordable housing, in accordance with s169 (1d) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council's 'Statement of Commitment to Traditional Owners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people' and 'Toward Equality Framework'.
- (14) Notes that any person who makes a written submission in relation to the:
- a. draft Budget 2024-25;
 - b. draft Revenue and Rating Plan;
 - c. declaration of the public waste service rate;
 - d. declaration of the service charge for kerbside collection services;
 - e. granting of the three concessions aligned to equity principles to support waste cost recovery charges;
 - f. granting of a Safety Net concession within general rates, aligned to equity principles, for pensioners who are not eligible for the Kerbside Waste Collection Charge Pensioner Concession;
 - g. granting of a 100% concession for general rates for all properties owned or managed by Aboriginal Housing Victoria as a 'registered agency', relating to the provision of affordable housing; and
- may be heard by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee at 6.00pm on 3 June 2024.
- (15) Notes that in accordance with Section 93 and 96(1)(b) of the Act, consultation will be undertaken in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy.
- (16) Notes that in accordance with Section 94 of the 2020 Act and Regulation 8 of the Regulations, detailed information concerning General Rates and Charges is included in **Appendix A**.

THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION WAS THEN VOTED ON IN PARTS AS FOLLOWS:

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 24-054**

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- (4) Endorses the officer recommendation on the report “Waiver of Licence Fees for Sporting Clubs” (Appendix F) for the continuation of the current performance subsidy program and that officers commence a holistic review as noted in the report

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 24-055**

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- (5) Notes the report to Council on “John Cain Memorial Park Gender Inclusive Facilities Project Update” (Appendix G), and
- a) endorses Option 1 and
 - b) requests that the CEO (or delegate) work with SRV to seek to use the \$500,000 grant from the State Government to improve the existing JCMP North Change Pavilion female friendly facilities and contact Northcote City Football Club to provide them with an opportunity to add additional funding to augment the scope of the project, if they wish to.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 24-056**

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- (6) Notes the report to Council on “Plant Based Treaty and Victorian Food Consensus Statement” (Appendix H), and
- a) endorses the Plant Based Treaty, and
 - b) allocates \$5,000, funded as part of the Climate Emergency Plan delivery budget to undertake the climate food resilience scoping study in 2024-25, to inform further Council food action in subsequent years, and communicate this to the community

CARRIED

For: Cr Hannan, Rennie, Greeco, Williams, McCarthy, Messina, Laurence and Newton (8)
Abstained: Cr Dimitriadis (1)

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 24-057

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- (7) Notes that councillors received a briefing on 15 April 2024 which covered four topics that Council resolved to refer to the budget development process for consideration:
- i. Service delivery including graffiti
 - ii. Migration Public Artwork
 - iii. Climate Emergency Plan
 - iv. Reservoir Boathouse

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Council Resolution**

MINUTE NO. 24-058

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- (8) Endorse the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) (Appendix A) and associated fees and charges (Appendix B), Capital Works Program (Appendix C) and Operating Projects (Appendix D), to resource the 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan, to proceed to community exhibition, with the following amendments:
- a) Reductions to the Operating Projects Budget
 - i. Reduction of \$10,000 from service reviews

CARRIED

For: Crs Dimitriadis, Rennie, Greco, Williams and Laurence (5)

Against: Crs Hannan, McCarthy, Messina and Newton (4)

Motion

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- (8) Endorse the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) (Appendix A) and associated fees and charges (Appendix B), Capital Works Program (Appendix C) and Operating Projects (Appendix D), to resource the 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan, to proceed to community exhibition, with the following amendments:
- a) Reductions to the Operating Projects Budget
 - ii. Removal of \$50,000 for micro mobility (E-scooter trial)

LOST

For: Crs Williams and Laurence (2)

Against: Crs Hannan, Rennie, McCarthy, Messina and Newton (5)

Abstained: Cr Dimitriadis (1)

Motion

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

(8) Endorse the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) (Appendix A) and associated fees and charges (Appendix B), Capital Works Program (Appendix C) and Operating Projects (Appendix D), to resource the 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan, to proceed to community exhibition, with the following amendments:

- a) Reductions to the Operating Projects Budget
 - iii. Reduction of \$50,000 from placemaking program

LOST

For: Crs Greco, Dimitriadis and Laurence (3)

Against: Crs Hannan, Rennie, Williams, McCarthy, Messina and Newton (6)

Motion

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

(8) Endorse the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) (Appendix A) and associated fees and charges (Appendix B), Capital Works Program (Appendix C) and Operating Projects (Appendix D), to resource the 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan, to proceed to community exhibition, with the following amendments:

- a) Reductions to the Operating Projects Budget
 - iv. Removal of \$50,000 for additional graffiti removal

LOST

For: Cr Laurence (1)

Against: Crs Dimitriadis, Hannan, Rennie, Greco, Williams, McCarthy, Messina and Newton (8)

Motion

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

(8) Endorse the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) (Appendix A) and associated fees and charges (Appendix B), Capital Works Program (Appendix C) and Operating Projects (Appendix D), to resource the 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan, to proceed to community exhibition, with the following amendments:

- a) Reductions to the Operating Projects Budget
 - v. Removal of \$40,000 to establish a water sensitive urban design (WSUD) in-lieu scheme

LOST UNANIMOUSLY

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 24-059**

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

(8) Endorse the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) (Appendix A) and associated fees and charges (Appendix B), Capital Works Program (Appendix C) and Operating Projects (Appendix D), to resource the 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan, to proceed to community exhibition, with the following amendments:

- a) Reductions to the Operating Projects Budget
 - vi. Noting \$6,000 of unallocated operating budget

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 24-060**

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

(8) Endorse the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) (Appendix A) and associated fees and charges (Appendix B), Capital Works Program (Appendix C) and Operating Projects (Appendix D), to resource the 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan, to proceed to community exhibition, with the following amendments:

- b) Carry forward and reallocate \$65,000 of unspent funding from the Community Grants program in the 2023-24 year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 24-061**

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

(8) Endorse the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) (Appendix A) and associated fees and charges (Appendix B), Capital Works Program (Appendix C) and Operating Projects (Appendix D), to resource the 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan, to proceed to community exhibition, with the following amendments:

- c) Changes to the Operating Projects Budget and Operating Budget
 - i. Increase of \$50 (to \$200) to the pensioner concession that applies to the Kerbside Waste Service Charge and also to the Pensioner Safety Net Concession on the General Rates; noting that the pensioner concession on the Kerbside Waste Service change would be funded an increase to the Kerbside Waste Service Charge of approximately \$6.

CARRIED

For: Crs Dimitriadis, Hannan, Greco, Williams, McCarthy, Messina and Laurence (7)

Against: Crs Rennie and Newton (2)

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 24-062

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- (8) Endorse the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) (Appendix A) and associated fees and charges (Appendix B), Capital Works Program (Appendix C) and Operating Projects (Appendix D), to resource the 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan, to proceed to community exhibition, with the following amendments:
- c) Changes to the Operating Projects Budget and Operating Budget
 - ii. Inclusion of \$75,000 to review and rescope the Active Spaces Program.

CARRIED

For: Crs Hannan, Rennie, Williams, McCarthy, Messina and Newton (7)

Against: Crs Laurence (1)

Abstained: Crs Dimitriadis and Greco (2)

Motion

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- (8) Endorse the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) (Appendix A) and associated fees and charges (Appendix B), Capital Works Program (Appendix C) and Operating Projects (Appendix D), to resource the 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan, to proceed to community exhibition, with the following amendments:
- c) Changes to the Operating Projects Budget and Operating Budget
 - iv. Inclusion of \$35,000 to deliver a Wine and Food Festival at the Preston Town Hall in 2025

Cr Greco proposed to the mover and seconder that the \$ about in point iv of the motion be amended to \$10,000. This was accepted by the mover and seconder.

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 24-063

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- (8) Endorse the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) (Appendix A) and associated fees and charges (Appendix B), Capital Works Program (Appendix C) and Operating Projects (Appendix D), to resource the 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan, to proceed to community exhibition, with the following amendments:
- c) Changes to the Operating Projects Budget and Operating Budget

- iv. Inclusion of \$10,000 to deliver a Wine and Food Festival at the Preston Town Hall in 2025

CARRIED

For: Crs Dimitriadis, Greco, Williams, McCarthy, Messina, Laurence and Newton (7)

Against: Crs Hannan and Rennie (2)

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 24-064

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- (8) Endorse the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) (Appendix A) and associated fees and charges (Appendix B), Capital Works Program (Appendix C) and Operating Projects (Appendix D), to resource the 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan, to proceed to community exhibition, with the following amendments:
- c) Changes to the Operating Projects Budget and Operating Budget
- v. Inclusion of \$15,000 to undertake broader consultation relating to how to best activate the Edwards Lake Boathouse.

CARRIED

For: Crs Dimitriadis, Hannan, Greco, Williams, McCarthy, Messina, Laurence and Newton (7)

Against: Cr Rennie (1)

Motion

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- (8) Endorse the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) (Appendix A) and associated fees and charges (Appendix B), Capital Works Program (Appendix C) and Operating Projects (Appendix D), to resource the 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan, to proceed to community exhibition, with the following amendments:
- c) Changes to the Operating Projects Budget and Operating Budget
- vi. Inclusion of \$70K for a high level concept design for community engagement and to advocate for external grant opportunities for the Reservoir Leisure Centre Project in the 2024-2025 financial year.

Cr Greco proposed to the mover and seconder that point vi be amended as follows, which was accepted by Crs Hannan and Laurence:

- vi. Inclusion of \$70K for a high level concept design for community engagement ~~and to advocate for external grant opportunities~~ for the Reservoir Leisure Centre Project in the 2024-2025 financial year.

THE MOTION WAS THEN PUT OT THE VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

That Council:

- (8) Endorse the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) (Appendix A) and associated fees and charges (Appendix B), Capital Works Program (Appendix C) and Operating Projects (Appendix D), to resource the 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan, to proceed to community exhibition, with the following amendments:
- c) Changes to the Operating Projects Budget and Operating Budget
 - vi. Inclusion of \$70K for a high level concept design for community engagement for the Reservoir Leisure Centre Project in the 2024-2025 financial year.

LOST

For: Crs Dimitriadis, Greco, Williams and Laurence (4)

Against: Crs Newton, Hannan, Rennie McCarthy and Messina (5)

Motion

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- (8) Endorse the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) (Appendix A) and associated fees and charges (Appendix B), Capital Works Program (Appendix C) and Operating Projects (Appendix D), to resource the 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan, to proceed to community exhibition, with the following amendments:
- c) Changes to the Operating Projects Budget and Operating Budget
 - vii. Inclusion of \$15,000 to deliver a Multicultural Oration in 2025

Cr Greco proposed to the mover and seconder that the \$ about in point iv of the motion be amended to \$10,000. This was accepted by the mover and seconder.

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 24-065

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- (8) Endorse the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) (Appendix A) and associated fees and charges (Appendix B), Capital Works Program (Appendix C) and Operating Projects (Appendix D), to resource the 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan, to proceed to community exhibition, with the following amendments:
- c) Changes to the Operating Projects Budget and Operating Budget
 - vii. Inclusion of \$15,000 to deliver a Multicultural Oration in 2025

CARRIED

For: Crs Dimitriadis, Greco, Williams, McCarthy, Messina, Laurence and Newton (7)

Against: Crs Hannan and Rennie (2)

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 24-066**

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- (8) Endorse the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) (Appendix A) and associated fees and charges (Appendix B), Capital Works Program (Appendix C) and Operating Projects (Appendix D), to resource the 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan, to proceed to community exhibition, with the following amendments:
- c) Changes to the Operating Projects Budget and Operating Budget
 - viii. Authorise the CEO (or delegate) prior to 30 June 2024 to allocate up to \$10,000 from currently unspent funds in the 2023/24 Community Grants Program to a suitable organisation(s) in Darebin that share food to support Darebin residents experiencing cost of living impacts

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Hannan proposed to the Chairperson Mayor Newton that point 8 e) (inclusions) be considered before point 8 d) (reductions) which was accepted by Mayor Newton.

Cr McCarthy foreshadowed an amendment.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 24-067**

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- (8) Endorse the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) (Appendix A) and associated fees and charges (Appendix B), Capital Works Program (Appendix C) and Operating Projects (Appendix D), to resource the 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan, to proceed to community exhibition, with the following amendments
- e) Inclusions to the Capital works program budget
 - i. Inclusion of \$180K for the Migration Public Artwork Project in the 2024-2025 financial year

CARRIED

For: Crs Hannan, Rennie, Greco, Williams, McCarthy, Messina, Laurence and Newton (8)
Abstained: Cr Dimitriadis (1)

Motion

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- (8) Endorse the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) (Appendix A) and associated fees and charges (Appendix B), Capital Works Program (Appendix C) and Operating Projects (Appendix D), to resource the 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan, to proceed to community exhibition, with the following amendments
- e) Inclusions to the Capital works program budget
 - ii. Inclusion of \$175,000 for the redevelopment of the Edwardes Lake Boathouse

LOST

For: Crs Dimitriadis, Greco, Williams, and Laurence (4)

Abstained: Crs Hannan, Rennie, McCarthy, Messina and Newton (5)

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 24-068

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- (8) Endorse the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) (Appendix A) and associated fees and charges (Appendix B), Capital Works Program (Appendix C) and Operating Projects (Appendix D), to resource the 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan, to proceed to community exhibition, with the following amendments
- e) Inclusions to the Capital works program budget
 - iii. Inclusion of \$100,000 for Your Street, Your Say project(s) delivery in 2024-25, with projects to be confirmed after Council endorses Area B Your Street, Your Say priority projects at a future Council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- (8) Endorse the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) (Appendix A) and associated fees and charges (Appendix B), Capital Works Program (Appendix C) and Operating Projects (Appendix D), to resource the 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan, to proceed to community exhibition, with the following amendments
- e) Inclusions to the Capital works program budget
 - iv. Inclusion of \$82,000 for resurfacing the carpark at Pitcher Park Oval

Cr Dimitriadis proposed to the mover and seconder that point iv be amended as follows, which was accepted by Crs Hannan and Laurence:

- iv. Inclusion of \$82,000 for resurfacing the **entrance to** Pitcher Park Oval

THE MOTION WAS THEN PUT OT THE VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

That Council:

- (8) Endorse the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) (Appendix A) and associated fees and charges (Appendix B), Capital Works Program (Appendix C) and Operating Projects (Appendix D), to resource the 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan, to proceed to community exhibition, with the following amendments:

- e) Inclusions to the Capital works program budget
 - iv. Inclusion of \$82,000 for resurfacing the entrance to Pitcher Park Oval

LOST

For: Crs Dimitriadis, Greco, Williams, and Laurence (4)

Abstained: Crs Hannan, Rennie, McCarthy, Messina and Newton (5)

Motion

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- (8) Endorse the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) (Appendix A) and associated fees and charges (Appendix B), Capital Works Program (Appendix C) and Operating Projects (Appendix D), to resource the 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan, to proceed to community exhibition, with the following amendments:

- e) Inclusions to the Capital works program budget
 - v. Inclusion of \$15K for planning and design for improved lighting at the Reservoir Athletic Track

LOST

For: Crs Dimitriadis, Greco, Williams, and Laurence (4)

Abstained: Crs Hannan, Rennie, McCarthy, Messina and Newton (5)

Motion

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council

- (8) Endorse the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) (Appendix A) and associated fees and charges (Appendix B), Capital Works Program (Appendix C) and Operating Projects (Appendix D), to resource the 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan, to proceed to community exhibition, with the following amendments:

- d) Reductions to the Capital Works Program budget:

- i. Deferral of \$400,000 for redevelopment of KP Hardiman pavilion from 2024-25 to the 2025-26 financial year, noting that this will not reduce the overall scope of the project, with a total of \$3M currently budgeted for capital works over 2024-25 and 2025-26
- ii. Reduction of \$200,000 from the new tree planting program
- iii. Deferral of \$200,000 from transport safety improvements
- iv. Reduction of \$150,000 from community building improvements program
- v. Reduction of \$100,000 from additional footpath renewal works
- vi. Reduction of \$90,000 from open Space improvements program

Cr Messina proposed to the mover and seconder that the motion be amended as follows:

- d) Reductions to the Capital Works Program budget:
- i. Deferral of **\$280,000** for redevelopment of KP Hardiman pavilion from 2024-25 to the 2025-26 financial year, noting that this will not reduce the overall scope of the project, with a total of \$3M currently budgeted for capital works over 2024-25 and 2025-26.
 - ~~ii. Reduction of \$200,000 from the new tree planting program~~
 - ~~iii. Deferral of \$200,000 from transport safety improvements~~
 - ~~iv. Reduction of \$150,000 from community building improvements program~~
 - ~~v. Reduction of \$100,000 from additional footpath renewal works~~
 - ~~vi. Reduction of \$90,000 from open Space improvements program~~

This was not accepted by Cr Laurence.

Amendment

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

That Council:

- (8) Endorse the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) (Appendix A) and associated fees and charges (Appendix B), Capital Works Program (Appendix C) and Operating Projects (Appendix D), to resource the 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan, to proceed to community exhibition, with the following amendments
- d) Reductions to the Capital Works Program budget:
- i. Deferral of \$280,000 for redevelopment of KP Hardiman pavilion from 2024-25 to the 2025-26 financial year, noting that this will not reduce the overall scope of the project, with a total of \$3M currently budgeted for capital works over 2024-25 and 2025-26.

CARRIED

For: Crs Hannan, Rennie, McCarthy, Messina and Newton (5)
Abstained: Crs Dimitriadis, Greco, Williams, and Laurence (4)

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 24-069

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

(8) Endorse the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) (Appendix A) and associated fees and charges (Appendix B), Capital Works Program (Appendix C) and Operating Projects (Appendix D), to resource the 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan, to proceed to community exhibition, with the following amendments

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CARRIED

For: Crs Hannan, Rennie, McCarthy, Messina and Newton (5)

Against: Crs Dimitriadis, Greco, and Laurence (3)

Abstained: Cr Williams (1)

Cr McCarthy proposed a his foreshadowed motion to the mover and seconder that a new point (9) be added to the Substantive motion as follows:

- (9) Requests the CEO to identify further operating project savings and/or operating budget savings that can be considered as part of the final budget

This was not accepted by Cr Laurence.

Amendment

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

That Council:

- (9) Requests the CEO to identify further operating project savings and/or operating budget savings that can be considered as part of the final budget.

CARRIED

For: Crs Hannan, Rennie, McCarthy, Messina and Newton (5)

Against: Crs Greco, Williams and Laurence

Abstained: Cr Dimitriadis

EXTENSION OF TIME – 8.57PM**Council Resolution**

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

That the Council meeting continue after 9pm for 30 minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
MINUTE NO. 24-070

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- (9) Requests the CEO to identify further operating project savings and/or operating budget savings that can be considered as part of the final budget.

CARRIED

For: Crs Hannan, Rennie, McCarthy, Messina and Newton (5)

Against: Crs Greco, Williams and Laurence

Abstained: Cr Dimitriadis

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 24-071

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- (10) Note that the draft 2024-25 Budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget) will be considered for adoption at a Council meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 24 June 2024.
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- a. A concession for residential properties with a Capital Improved Value (CIV) value at \$500,000 or less by the Valuer General of Victoria that equates to 100% of the public waste rate. This concession will automatically be applied to the principal place of residence for ratepayers and will not require an application.
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

THE FINAL SUBSTANTITVE MOTION UPON THE COMPLETION OF ALL AMENDMENTS THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Substantive Motion

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- 1) Note that expenditure of \$240,000 for Jika Jika Community Centre works has been included in the 2024-25 financial year of the draft 4-year Capital Works Program
- 2) Note that expenditure of \$600,000 for Northcote Golf Course Eastern Path & Northern Park works has been included in the 2027-28 year of the draft 4-year Capital Works Program, and amend the draft Operating Projects Budget with the Inclusion of \$25,000 for naming of the new park on the east side of the Merri Creek in Northcote.
- 3) Note that net expenditure of \$6.4 million to deliver Aged Care related services has been included in the 2024-25 year of the draft operating budget.
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 - a) endorses Option 1 and
 - b) requests that the CEO (or delegate) work with SRV to seek to use the \$500,000 grant from the State Government to improve the existing JCMP North Change Pavilion female friendly facilities and contact Northcote City Football Club to provide them with an opportunity to add additional funding to augment the scope of the project, if they wish to.
- 6) Notes the report to Council on “Plant Based Treaty and Victorian Food Consensus Statement” (Appendix H), and
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- 7) Note that councillors received a briefing on 15 April 2024 which covered four topics that Council resolved to refer to the budget development process for consideration:
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 - ii. Migration Public Artwork
 - iii. Climate Emergency Plan
 - iv. Reservoir Boathouse
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- b) Carry forward and reallocate \$65,000 of unspent funding from the Community Grants program in the 2023-24 year.
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 - i. Increase of \$50 (to \$200) to the pensioner concession that applies to the Kerbside Waste Service Charge and also to the Pensioner Safety Net Concession on the General Rates; noting that the pensioner concession on the Kerbside Waste Service change would be funded an increase to the Kerbside Waste Service Charge of approximately \$6.
 - ii. Inclusion of \$75,000 to review and rescope the Active Spaces Program
 - iii. Inclusion of \$40,000 to undertake stage one of master planning for 2 Wingrove Street Alphington including completing a development feasibility study, running a first stage Expressions of Interest process to identify potential partner organisations.
 - iv. Inclusion of \$10,000 to deliver a Wine and Food Festival at the Preston Town Hall in 2025
 - v. Inclusion of \$15,000 to undertake broader consultation relating to how to best activate the Edwards Lake Boathouse.
 - vi. Inclusion of \$10,000 to deliver a Multicultural Oration in 2025
 - vii. Authorise the CEO (or delegate) prior to 30 June 2024 to allocate up to \$10,000 from currently unspent funds in the 2023/24 Community Grants Program to a suitable organisation(s) in Darebin that share food to support Darebin residents experiencing cost of living impacts.
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THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 24-072

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

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may be heard by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee at 6.00pm on 3 June 2024.

(16) Notes that in accordance with Section 93 and 96(1)(b) of the Act, consultation will be undertaken in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy.

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.08pm – Peter Smith, Chief Executive Officer left the meeting.

9.3**DRAFT 2024-25 COUNCIL PLAN ACTION PLAN**

A submission from Matthew Zammit was made following public question time.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement of the Draft 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan to proceed to community exhibition for a period of 21 days.

The draft 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan delivers Year 4, the final year, of the revised Council Plan 2021-25 (incorporating the Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan) adopted by Council on 26 June 2023.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 24-073

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

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the draft 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan at Appendix A to proceed to community exhibition.
- (2) Authorises the CEO to amend the draft 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan to reflect any amendments resolved by Council in the draft 2024-25 Budget being considered on 29 April 2024.
- (3) Notes that any person who makes a written submission in relation to the draft 2024-25 Council Plan Action may be heard by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee at 6.00pm on 3 June 2024.
- (4) Notes the endorsement of the draft 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan will be considered by Council at its scheduled meeting on Monday 24 June 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.4 DRAFT LEASING & LICENSING POLICY - RELATING TO NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSES

Cr. Rennie disclosed a general conflict of interest in Item 9.4 Draft Draft Leasing & Licensing Policy - Relating To Neighbourhood Houses as she manages the Jika Jika Community Centre.

Cr Rennie left the meeting at 9.09pm.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides Council with the option to consider a particular aspect of its Leasing and Licensing Policy (Policy), as relates to the provision of Neighbourhood House Services, ahead of full consideration of the overall Policy. While this is an unusual process, there was strong community feedback received during consultation on this particular aspect of the draft Policy and this aspect could be reasonably considered separately to the broader Policy. On balance, separating this matter is considered a reasonable approach. Council could either make a decision on this policy matter now, or it could defer this and consider it when it considers the Policy holistically.

Analysis of community feedback in relation to all the elements of the draft Leasing and Licencing Policy is currently in progress and it is expected that the full analysis will be reported to Council at a future Council meeting. However high-level analysis of feedback on the Policy as it related to Neighbourhood House Services is available and attached as **Appendix A** (summary). The survey results and submissions received have been confidentially attached to **Appendix B** (survey results) and **Appendix C** (submissions) respectively.

Key elements of feedback highlighted:

- Neighbourhood houses all requested that the requirement for them to share 10% or 20% of any derived commercial-like revenue be removed from the draft policy with a key reason being because any revenue raised by hiring out parts of the premises is used by the neighbourhood houses to help provide services for increased community benefit and/or for operating the buildings. Feedback included that if funding is to be shared with Council, it would reduce the amount of funds available for the neighbourhood houses to support our community.
- The majority of feedback received (over 60%) specifically mentioned neighbourhood Houses. This means there is good information about neighbourhood house views, although overall, the feedback received is not representative of the whole community.
- While not specifically referring to neighbourhood house services, an analysis of the survey responses showed:
 - 67% of respondents disagreed with all of the revenue generating activities set out in the draft policy.
 - 80% of the respondents disagreed with the Council's approach to seek revenue sharing from Category A and B occupants deriving a commercial income.
 - 61% of respondents disagreed with the proposed percentages of revenue to be shared with Council.
 - 19% of respondents either supported Council's approach to revenue sharing from Category A and B occupants or were unsure of their position on this matter.

Council's draft Policy proposed that not-for-profit tenants/licensees with income generating capacity who earn commercial-like income from sub-letting, advertising, room-hire and bar and restaurant operations would be required to share a proportion of that revenue with Council.

Unlike kindergartens and childcare centres, who do not typically hire our rooms, neighbourhood houses often hire out rooms for community uses, but also sometimes for private or business uses and therefore a key part of the consultation process has been seeking to understand views of neighbourhood houses.

Having considered the feedback from neighbourhood houses, it is recommended that Council, in relation to neighbourhood houses, establish a policy principle at this time to provide clarity and assurance for these valued service partners. This position would then be incorporated into the final Policy by officers and reported to Council at a future meeting when the Policy is considered in full. The policy principle that is recommended is as follows:

- That neighbourhood houses who lease Council properties on a peppercorn basis would retain all commercial-like revenue on the basis that:
 - broad information is provided about the amount of room-hire revenue generated.
 - this revenue is reinvested within the neighbourhood house organisation to deliver community benefit / social outcomes, aligned with Council's strategic goals.
 - The primary use of room hire is to deliver community benefit/social outcomes
- That the method of providing assurance to Council reinvestment and use about this would be via the annual Neighbourhood House Council report as an attestation and noting that this already provides information about room-hire revenue.

While neighbourhood houses undertake room hire, much of this is for community uses and is provided as a community service. There is not a large amount of commercial-like room hire. The services provided by neighbourhood houses are generally aligned with Council's high priority strategic goals and those in the community in need. As such, the implications of shifting away from the draft Policy approach to revenue generation and sharing are minimal.

Note that analysis of community feedback is continuing and that this information will be brought to Council for a decision on the draft Policy in full at a future Council meeting. Note that whilst the analysis of community feedback is continuing, the feedback in regard to neighbourhood house services is clearly evident from preliminary analysis and that information is being presented to council to make a decision in regard to how it would like these services treated in the draft policy at this time.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 24-074

MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis
SECONDED: Cr. J Williams

That Council:

- (1) Notes it has received community feedback in relation to its draft Leasing and Licencing Policy and this feedback and policy adjustment options arising from this are currently being analysed by Council officers.
- (2) Notes that Council will consider this feedback in full, along with proposed Policy adjustments and final policy wording at a future Council Meeting.

- (3) Notes that preliminary analysis has identified one key aspect of the Policy for which community feedback has been clear and which can be reasonably considered separately, and that is in relation to the treatment of commercial-like revenue from neighbourhood houses.
 - (4) Recognises the community services Neighbourhood Houses provide and the important support they play day to day in our community.
 - (5) Resolves to incorporate into its future leasing and licensing policy the principle that all commercial revenue derived by a neighbourhood house using a council property under lease or licence would be retained by the neighbourhood house organisation on the basis that they demonstrate that such derived revenue has been used directly to provide community services; they provide broad information detailing the amount of commercial revenue earned from room-hire and sub-letting annually; and that they demonstrate that its facility remains primarily used for provision of community services and that community benefit is not compromised by hiring of parts of the leased premises for commercial income
 - (6) Directs the CEO (or delegate) to incorporate the policy principle as detailed in item 5 above into the recommended Leasing and Licencing Policy Document which will be reported to future Council meeting, and notes that to incorporate this principle into the draft Policy effectively, it may be necessary to reflect it in several parts of the document and/or refine wording, however that the intent of clause 5 should be clearly reflected.
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.12pm – Cr Rennie returned to the meeting.

9.5 CONTRACT AWARD - CT202366 PROVISION OF HARD WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The hard waste service provides households with a Council kerbside waste service the opportunity to dispose of items not normally accepted or possible to fit into a garbage, recycling or garden organics bin.

Following community consultation in late 2023, Council at its February 2024 meeting endorsed its preferred hard waste collection service model for the community on the basis of an initial 2 year booked hard waste collection service trial period. The adopted hard waste service to be offered is outlined below:

- A blanket collection service to occur in June and July 2024
- One booked collection service available to all households receiving the kerbside waste service of 2m3 per year (with an additional booked collection for people experiencing financial hardship) - set to commence in 2025
- Additional customer pays booked collection options for all residents - set to commence at the same time as the booked collection service.

This report recommends a preferred contractor to deliver these services to community. It provides information about the hard waste tenders received and compares the tender submissions in regard to their ability to deliver Council’s preferred hard waste service model.

This report recommends a preferred contractor to deliver these services to community and seeks contract award accordingly. It provides information about the hard waste tenders received and compares the tender submissions in regard to their ability to deliver Council’s preferred hard waste service model.

Based on financial analysis, the report recommends commencing the blanket collection services in June 2024 through to July 2024, and the booked service in July 2025. Consequently, the proposed initial contract term will be 3 years and 1 month to include both the blanket and booked collection services. This will provide a 2-year booked collection term that will allow Council to assess the community’s satisfaction with the new booked hard waste collection service model and make any adjustments or changes if deemed necessary. It also provides appropriate transition from the blanket service. Subject to review and confirmation of preferred hard waste service types, Council will have the option to exercise 3 x 2 year contract extension options.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Award contract CT202366 for the delivery in June / July 2024 of a blanket hard waste collection service based on lump sum and schedule of rates fees outlined in confidential attachment **Appendix B** to
- (2) Award contract CT202366 for the delivery of a booked hard waste collection service and customer pays booked hard waste collection service based on schedule of rates fees outlined in confidential attachment **Appendix B** for an initial 2 year term to

- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documents on behalf of Council.
- (4) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer (or their delegate) to implement Council's preferred hard waste service type model and exercise the 3 x 2 year contract extension options (with CPI increase) subject to:
 - a. Council's endorsement of the findings of the initial 2 year booked hard waste collection service trial, and the adoption of a preferred hard waste service type model (subject to a future report for Council consideration).
 - b. the contractor achieving satisfactory performance reviews.
- (5) Note the estimated contract cost over first 3 years 1 month of the contract is \$..... (incl. GST) and cap the total contract costs (inclusive of the option to exercise of all contract extensions) at \$..... (incl. GST).
- (6) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer (or their delegate) to review and approve variations up to a maximum of an additional% of the contract value for the contract term.

Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Award contract CT202366 for the delivery in June / July 2024 of a blanket hard waste collection service based on lump sum and schedule of rates fees outlined in confidential attachment **Appendix B** to WM Waste Management Pty Ltd.
- (2) Award contract CT202366 for the delivery of a booked hard waste collection service and customer pays booked hard waste collection service based on schedule of rates fees outlined in confidential attachment **Appendix B** for an initial 2 year term to WM Waste Management Pty Ltd.
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documents on behalf of Council.
- (4) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer (or their delegate) to implement Council's preferred hard waste service type model and exercise the 3 x 2 year contract extension options (with CPI increase) subject to:
 - a. Council's endorsement of the findings of the initial 2 year booked hard waste collection service trial, and the adoption of a preferred hard waste service type model (subject to a future report for Council consideration).
 - b. the contractor achieving satisfactory performance reviews.
- (5) Note the estimated contract cost over first 3 years 1 month of the contract is \$3,295,171 (incl. GST) and cap the total contract costs (inclusive of the option to exercise of all contract extensions) at \$12,115,736 (incl. GST).
- (6) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer (or their delegate) to review and approve variations up to a maximum of an additional 5% of the contract value for the contract term.

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

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 24-075**

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

That Council:

- (1) Award contract CT202366 for the delivery in June / July 2024 of a blanket hard waste collection service based on lump sum and schedule of rates fees outlined in confidential attachment **Appendix B** to WM Waste Management Pty Ltd.
- (2) Award contract CT202366 for the delivery of a booked hard waste collection service and customer pays booked hard waste collection service based on schedule of rates fees outlined in confidential attachment **Appendix B** for an initial 2 year term to WM Waste Management Pty Ltd.
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documents on behalf of Council.
- (4) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer (or their delegate) to implement Council's preferred hard waste service type model and exercise the 3 x 2 year contract extension options (with CPI increase) subject to:
 - a. Council's endorsement of the findings of the initial 2 year booked hard waste collection service trial, and the adoption of a preferred hard waste service type model (subject to a future report for Council consideration).
 - b. the contractor achieving satisfactory performance reviews.
- (5) Note the estimated contract cost over first 3 years 1 month of the contract is \$3,295,171 (incl. GST) and cap the total contract costs (inclusive of the option to exercise of all contract extensions) at \$12,115,736 (incl. GST).
- (6) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer (or their delegate) to review and approve variations up to a maximum of an additional 5% of the contract value for the contract term.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.15pm – Peter Smith returned to the meeting.

**9.6 CT 202368 CONTRACT AWARD FOR JOHN HALL
RESERVE PAVILION**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

John Hall Reserve is a 3.07 hectare reserve located at 184-186 Dunne Street, Kingsbury. The facility is used by Darebin Soccer and Cricket Clubs. Anecdotally, the reserve is known to be accessed by residents for recreational walking and running activities and informal usage of the cricket nets.

Redevelopment of the pavilion at John Hall Reserve was identified as a priority in the Outdoor Sports Infrastructure Framework (OSIF) which was endorsed by Council in 2020. The building is outdated and has reached the end of its expected life. The pavilion does not meet female friendly facility requirements for multi-gender sports participation.

In September 2022, the design of the new John Hall Reserve Pavilion was brought forward to address the current gap in gender inclusive facilities for sporting clubs in Darebin. Council allocated \$200,000 in the 2022/2023 budget to support this initiative, \$570,000 in 2023/2024 and \$1,800,000 in 2024/2025. The tender has identified that the project cost will be higher than the cost estimate in Council's four-year Capital works Program by \$222,000. Generally, this reflects recent rapid construction sector price inflation in Victoria. The draft 2024/2025 budget proposes project funding reflects the updated cost estimate.

The design of the project was completed by Cohen Leigh Architects at the end of 2023. Shortly after, officers tendered a construction contract to build the new facility through a public open tender process in accordance with Council's Social and Sustainable Procurement Policy and procurement guidelines.

A tender evaluation was completed through a detailed evaluation process, financial checks and risk assessment.

Officer Recommendation**That Council:**

1. Awards contract No. CT202368 John Hall Reserve Pavilion to _____ for the contract sum of \$_____ (exclusive of GST).
2. Approves a contingency amount of \$_____ (exclusive of GST), being approximately 10% of the contract sum, to be used if required for variations and other unforeseen items as part of contract No. CT202368 and authorise the Chief Executive officer to vary the contract.
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer (or their delegate) to finalise and execute the contract documentation.

Motion

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

That Council:

1. Awards contract No. CT202368 John Hall Reserve Pavilion to Eastern Property Services for the contract sum of \$2,221,150 (exclusive of GST)

2. Approves a contingency amount of \$223,815 (exclusive of GST), being approximately 10% of the contract sum, to be used if required for variations and other unforeseen items as part of contract No. CT202368 and authorise the Chief Executive officer to vary the contract;
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer (or their delegate) to finalise and execute the contract documentation.

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 24-076

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

That Council:

1. Awards contract No. CT202368 John Hall Reserve Pavilion to Eastern Property Services for the contract sum of \$2,221,150 (exclusive of GST)
2. Approves a contingency amount of \$223,815 (exclusive of GST), being approximately 10% of the contract sum, to be used if required for variations and other unforeseen items as part of contract No. CT202368 and authorise the Chief Executive officer to vary the contract;
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer (or their delegate) to finalise and execute the contract documentation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.7 GOVERNANCE REPORT - APRIL 2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Summary of attendance at Advisory Committees Meetings, Councillor Briefings, and other informal meetings of Councillors (**Appendix A**)
- Activity Reports by Mayor and Councillors
- Responses to public questions taken on notice at the Council Meeting held on 25 March 2024 (**Appendix B**)
- Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Summary Minutes – 4 December 2023 (**Appendix C**) and 19 February 2024 (**Appendix D**)
- Councillor Leave of Absence – Cr McCarthy

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 24-077

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes the Governance Report – April 2024.
- (2) Notes the Summary of attendance at Advisory Committees Meetings, 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 the Activity 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 public questions taken on notice at the Council Meeting on 25 March 2024 (**Appendix B**).
- (5) Notes the Summary Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meetings held on 4 December 2023 (**Appendix C**) and 19 February 2024 (**Appendix D**)
- (6) Notes that Cr McCarthy was on a leave of absence for the period 7 – 13 April 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS – 29 APRIL 2024****REPORT OF CR. SUSANNE NEWTON, MAYOR**

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

- Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) Victoria 2024 Conference, West Gippsland Arts Centre in Warragul, Victoria
- No More: National Rally Against Gender Based Violence, State Library of Victoria
- Weekly meetings with CEO
- Weekly meeting with Communications team
- Weekly meetings with Governance team

- Weekly meetings with Executive Assistant
- Weekly meetings with Cr Hannan
- Weekly Councillor meetings
- Darebin RSL ANZAC Day Dawn Service
- Briefing in advance of Melbourne Women's Foundation panel on Digital Inclusion
- Islamic Museum of Australia Business Lunch: Combatting the rise of Islamophobia: The importance of business leadership in cultivating social unity
- Meeting with members of the Jewish community
- Meeting with Paul Huglin, West Preston Baptist Church about homelessness in Darebin
- Discussion with resident about proposed development at 34 George Street, Reservoir
- Meeting at the Aboriginal Advancement League (AAL) about Aboriginal Women & Girls Sport & Wellness Centre
- Meeting with Kate Jost, Friends of Edwardes Lake
- Meeting with Alfred Nuttal Kinder committee about Bush Kinder
- Meeting with Mayor Adam Pulford, Merri-bek Council
- Conducted Citizenship Ceremony, with MPs Ged Kearney, Evan Mulholland and Nathan Lambert attending
- University of Melbourne one-off mentoring call with university student
- Filmed video for Discover Darebin Libraries
- Meeting with Senator Jane Hume and CEO Peter Smith
- Baisakhi Festival with the Northern Region Indian Seniors Association
- Speaking on panel with Mayor Pulford at Merri Merri Wayi community day
- Darebin Filipino Multicultural Festival
- Presenting to the Williamson 2024 cohort with Leadership Victoria about the myths and realities of privilege
- Guest speaker at the Bridge Darebin Neighbourhood House AGM
- Attending Span Neighbourhood House AGM (online)
- Special Council meeting
- CEO Employment Matters Committee meeting
- Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum Meeting
- Meeting with Cr Messina
- Meeting with Mayor Tom Melican, Banyule City Council
- Panellist on 'Step up to Local Government' webinar run by Leadership Victoria and the Regional Leadership Collective in partnership with Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)
- Hellenic Women's Federation of Victoria Luncheon
- Preston Cricket Club Presentation Night
- Melbourne's North Food Group and Darebin City Council networking event: panel and tour of 3 Ravens brewery

- Filming video for draft budget
- Filming video for cultural diversity oration
- Season launch, Fitzroy Stars Football and Netball Club
- Speech at Bundoora Homestead Art Centre: launch of Autumn season
- Visit with Craig Bishop, EV Hub
- Meeting with Alphington Commons and business owners including Reground
- Speech at Molly Hadfield Social Justice Oration 2024: Celebrating Women of Darebin
- Meeting with resident about housing policy
- Ministerial visit with Minister Vicki Ward about grant for family violence training
- Planning Committee meeting
- Councillor briefing sessions
- Meeting with Outback Academy Australia
- Meeting with Nathan Lambert, Preston MP about Preston Central
- Meeting with Mayor Jenna Davey-Burns about 'Mayors on Bikes'
- Filming post-Council meeting video
- Meeting with Mayor Edward Crossland, City of Yarra

REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE

Cr. Laurence did not submit a report.

REPORT OF CR. LINA MESSINA

Cr. Messina did not submit a report.

REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO

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

- Briefings
- Budget Briefings
- Planning meeting
- The Bridge AGM
- Special Council Meeting
- Pre-Council Meeting

REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS

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

- 4 x Councillor Briefing Sessions
- 2 x Pre-Council Meeting Briefing

- 3 x Monthly Council Meeting
- 1 x Planning Committee Meeting
- 2 x Special Council Meeting
- 4 x Weekly Councillor Meeting
- PLFC Season 2024 Launch
- Darebin Interfaith Council
- Meeting with local resident
- RSL ANZAC Day Dawn Service
- MTF – Metropolitan Transport Forum
- Darebin Filipino Multicultural Festival
- Fitzroy Stars Football and Netball Club Season launch
- Discussion with Aboriginal Advancement League Wellness Centre
- MTF – Metropolitan Transport Forum
- Darebin Filipino Multicultural Festival
- J• Ministerial visit Vicki Ward Re: funding grant for family violence training
- Darebin Disability Committee
- Darebin Community Sports Stadium – Melbourne Collectable Fair
- Your Community Hub and Darebin Men's Shed Launch
- Good Governance - Councillor only workshop
- Northcote Rise Festival
- Hearing of Submissions
- Aboriginal Advancement League Elders luncheon

REPORT OF CR. SUSAN RENNIE

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

- Weekly Councillor meeting
- Weekly Councillor briefings
- Informal council meetings
- Northcote Bike Ride for a Safer South Crescent with Streets Alive Darebin
- Planning Committee meeting
- SPAN AGM
- Molly Hadfield Social Justice Oration
- Special Council Meeting.

REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY

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

- MC and speaker at Climate Emergency Conference
- Climate Emergency Australia Executive Committee meeting
- Meeting with representative from Springthorpe Estate Corporation re community governance
- Climate Emergency Darebin Advisory Committee meeting
- Weekly Councillor meetings
- Merri Merri Wayi Community Day
- Planning Committee matters
- Councillor Briefing sessions
- Meeting with NAGA representatives
- MC for Book Launch by local Darebin author Rev Alexandra Sangster
- Tour of Edwardes Lake Boathouse
- Governing in the Climate Emergency Training
- Darebin Education Network meeting
- Northern Business Achievement Awards
- Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action Executive Committee meeting
- Darebin Nature Trust Advisory Committee meeting
- Meetings with residents regarding various local issues

REPORT OF CR. EMILY DIMITRIADIS

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

- Attended Council briefings.
- Attended Councillor-only meetings.
- Attended Official Council meeting.
- Attended Council budget workshops.
- Attended Planning meeting
- Attended Thornbury Lawn Bowls community event
- Attended the Fairfield Village Cultural Festival
- Attended Darebin Creek Management Committee meeting
- Attended Parkside Football Club season launch
- Attended Parkside Junior Football Club season kickoff
- Laid a wreath on behalf of Darebin Council at the ANZAC Day dawn service at All Nations Park

REPORT OF CR. TOM HANNAN

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

- Contact (phone / online) with residents and businesses about their concerns, e.g., leases and vision for 2 Wingrove St, Israel-Gaza conflict, impacts of racism, street trees, laneways, storm water drainage, McAdam Reserve, traffic and safety.
- Councillor briefings
- CEO Employment Matters Committee
- Planning Committee meeting
- Special meeting
- Councillor only meetings
- Meetings with Mayor
- Ordinary Council meeting

10. ITEMS TO BE TABLED

Nil

9.21pm – Cr McCarthy left the meeting while clarification was sought regarding a request to table an item from Cr Dimitriadis related to 2 Wingrove St, Alphington.

9.22pm – Cr MCarthy returned to the meeting.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

11.1 SAFETY CONCERNS - UPGRADES TO JONES AND COLLINS STREET, THORNBURY

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 29 April 2024, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

- (1) *Notes that Jones Street and Collins Street in Thornbury are located next to Thornbury High School.*
- (2) *Notes that Councillors have received complaints from residents about road safety issues in and around Jones Street and Collins Street, particularly about safety concerns for students attending Thornbury High School due to dangerously speeding vehicles.*
- (3) *Notes that in the current 2023/2024 budget, Darebin Council put aside money for quick safety upgrades to Jones and Collins Street and according to residents, promised them "small wins", such as physical restrictions to stop cars speeding down the street, better located and more signage in the area, including the installation of "Wrong Way, Go Back" signs and changing "Give Way" signs to "Stop" signs.*
- (4) *Receives a report at the next council meeting on the status of these upgrades, including, but not limited to the type of work to be done and when the work will be completed*

Notice Received: 15 April 2024

Notice Given to Councillors 15 April 2024

Date of Meeting: 29 April 2024

Motion

MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis

SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- (1) Notes that Jones Street and Collins Street in Thornbury are located next to Thornbury High School.
- (2) Notes that Councillors have received complaints from residents about road safety issues in and around Jones Street and Collins Street, particularly about safety concerns for students attending Thornbury High School due to dangerously speeding vehicles.
- (3) Notes that in the current 2023/2024 budget, Darebin Council put aside money for quick safety upgrades to Jones and Collins Street and according to residents, promised them "small wins", such as physical restrictions to stop cars speeding down the street, better located and more signage in the area, including the installation of "Wrong Way, Go Back" signs and changing "Give Way" signs to "Stop" signs.

- (4) Receives a report at the next council meeting on the status of these upgrades, including, but not limited to the type of work to be done and when the work will be completed.

Cr Rennie proposed an amendment to the motion as follows:

That Council:

- (1) Notes that Jones Street and Collins Street in Thornbury are located next to Thornbury High School.
- (2) Notes that Councillors have received **feedback** from residents about road safety issues in and around Jones Street and Collins Street, particularly about safety concerns for students attending Thornbury High School due to dangerously speeding vehicles..
- (3) Notes that in the current 2023/2024 budget, Darebin Council put aside money for quick safety upgrades to Jones and Collins Street ~~and according to residents, promised them "small wins", such as physical restrictions to stop cars speeding down the street, better located and more signage in the area, including the installation of "Wrong Way, Go Back" signs and changing "Give Way" signs to "Stop" signs.~~
- (4) Notes that project delivery for these interventions has been delayed due to a Statewide shortage of street signs.**
- (5) Reaffirms our commitment to delivering on these interventions and undertakes to prioritise them as soon as signage is available.**

This was not accepted by the mover and seconder.

Amendment

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes that Jones Street and Collins Street in Thornbury are located next to Thornbury High School.
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- (4) Notes that project delivery for these interventions has been delayed due to a Statewide shortage of street signs.**
- (5) Reaffirms our commitment to delivering on these interventions and undertakes to prioritise them as soon as signage is available.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION AS FOLLOWS:

Substantive Motion**MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis****SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence****That Council:**

- (1) Notes that Jones Street and Collins Street in Thornbury are located next to Thornbury High School.
- (2) Notes that Councillors have received feedback from residents about road safety issues in and around Jones Street and Collins Street, particularly about safety concerns for students attending Thornbury High School due to dangerously speeding vehicles..
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- (4) Notes that project delivery for these interventions has been delayed due to a Statewide shortage of street signs.
- (5) Reaffirms our commitment to delivering on these interventions and undertakes to prioritise them as soon as signage is available.

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

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 24-078****MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis****SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence****That Council:**

- (1) Notes that Jones Street and Collins Street in Thornbury are located next to Thornbury High School.
- (2) Notes that Councillors have received feedback from residents about road safety issues in and around Jones Street and Collins Street, particularly about safety concerns for students attending Thornbury High School due to dangerously speeding vehicles..
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- (4) Notes that project delivery for these interventions has been delayed due to a Statewide shortage of street signs.
- (5) Reaffirms our commitment to delivering on these interventions and undertakes to prioritise them as soon as signage is available.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.2 THE NAPPY COLLECTIVE

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 29 April 2024, it is my intention to move:

That Council

- (1) *Notes that around 1 in 10 Australian families cannot afford an adequate number of nappies for their babies and are forced to make the difficult choice to go without other essentials like food or medicine.*
- (2) *Notes that with the current cost-of-living crisis, one in six children are now living in poverty and more than 280,000 children across Australian and around 150,000 families are currently experiencing nappy stress and these figures are expected to rise.*
- (3) *Notes that The Nappy Collective is Australia's only not-for-profit organisation that focuses solely on collecting disposable nappies and distributing them to families in crisis.*
- (4) *Notes that we can simply and effectively assist local families experiencing nappy stress by registering to have collection points around the City of Darebin for a small once-off fee of \$60 per collection point.*
- (5) *Notes that all nappy donations collect from Darebin will be delivered locally by the organisation to families in need.*
- (6) *Introduces The Nappy Collective by authorising the CEO to register at least ten collection points in Darebin buildings for the public to donate unused nappies, in consultation with Maternal and Child Health Centres, Childcare Centres, Neighbourhood Houses and other family friendly council run organisations such as libraries.*

Notice Received: 15 April 2024

Notice Given to Councillors 15 April 2024

Date of Meeting: 29 April 2024

EXTENSION OF TIME – 9.27PM

Council Resolution

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

That the Council meeting continue after 9.30pm for 30 minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion

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

That Council

- (1) Notes that around 1 in 10 Australian families cannot afford an adequate number of nappies for their babies and are forced to make the difficult choice to go without other essentials like food or medicine.
- (2) Notes that with the current cost-of-living crisis, one in six children are now living in poverty and more than 280,000 children across Australia and around 150,000 families are currently experiencing nappy stress and these figures are expected to rise.
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- (5) Notes that all nappy donations collect from Darebin will be delivered locally by the organisation to families in need.
- (6) Introduces The Nappy Collective by authorising the CEO to register at least ten collection points in Darebin buildings for the public to donate unused nappies, in consultation with Maternal and Child Health Centres, Childcare Centres, Neighbourhood Houses and other family friendly council run organisations such as libraries.

Cr Rennie proposed an amendment to the motion as follows:

That Council

- (1) Notes that around 1 in 10 Australian families cannot afford an adequate number of nappies for their babies and are forced to make the difficult choice to go without other essentials like food or medicine.
- (2) Notes that with the current cost-of-living crisis, one in six children are now living in poverty and more than 280,000 children across Australia and around 150,000 families are currently experiencing nappy stress and these figures are expected to rise.
- (3) **Notes that for the past 8+ years, Darebin Council has made use of the services of Big Group Hug and St. Kilda Mums to provide additional aid, including nappies, to vulnerable families in Darebin.**
- (4) **Notes that, in addition, DIVRS receive and distribute nappies from the Nappy Collective.**
- (5) **Explores the creation of additional collection points for the Nappy Collective in Council facilities and community organisations, and offers to pay the one-off Nappy Collective sign up fee of \$80 for up to 10 suitably located additional pick up sites in Darebin to ensure increased access to support for Darebin families experiencing "nappy stress".**
- (6) ~~Introduces The Nappy Collective by authorising the CEO to register at least ten collection points in Darebin buildings for the public to donate unused nappies, in consultation with Maternal and Child Health Centres, Childcare Centres, Neighbourhood Houses and other family friendly council run organisations such as~~

libraries..

This was not accepted by the mover and seconder.

Amendment

MOVED: Cr. S Rennie

SECONDED: Cr. T Hannan

That Council

- (1) Notes that around 1 in 10 Australian families cannot afford an adequate number of nappies for their babies and are forced to make the difficult choice to go without other essentials like food or medicine.
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- (3) Notes that for the past 8+ years, Darebin Council has made use of the services of Big Group Hug and St. Kilda Mums to provide additional aid, including nappies, to vulnerable families in Darebin.
- (4) Notes that, in addition, DIVRS receive and distribute nappies from the Nappy Collective.
- (5) Explores the creation of additional collection points for the Nappy Collective in Council facilities and community organisations, and offers to pay the one-off Nappy Collective sign up fee of \$80 for up to 10 suitably located additional pick up sites in Darebin to ensure increased access to support for Darebin families experiencing “nappy stress”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION AS FOLLOWS:

Substantive Motion

MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis

SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council

- (1) Notes that around 1 in 10 Australian families cannot afford an adequate number of nappies for their babies and are forced to make the difficult choice to go without other essentials like food or medicine.
- (2) Notes that with the current cost-of-living crisis, one in six children are now living in poverty and more than 280,000 children across Australian and around 150,000 families are currently experiencing nappy stress and these figures are expected to rise.
- (3) Notes that for the past 8+ years, Darebin Council has made use of the services of Big Group Hug and St. Kilda Mums to provide additional aid, including nappies, to vulnerable families in Darebin.
- (4) Notes that, in addition, DIVRS receive and distribute nappies from the Nappy Collective.

- (5) Explores the creation of additional collection points for the Nappy Collective in Council facilities and community organisations, and offers to pay the one-off Nappy Collective sign up fee of \$80 for up to 10 suitably located additional pick up sites in Darebin to ensure increased access to support for Darebin families experiencing “nappy stress”.

THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION :

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 24-079

MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis

SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council

- (1) Notes that around 1 in 10 Australian families cannot afford an adequate number of nappies for their babies and are forced to make the difficult choice to go without other essentials like food or medicine.
- (2) Notes that with the current cost-of-living crisis, one in six children are now living in poverty and more than 280,000 children across Australian and around 150,000 families are currently experiencing nappy stress and these figures are expected to rise.
- (3) Notes that for the past 8+ years, Darebin Council has made use of the services of Big Group Hug and St. Kilda Mums to provide additional aid, including nappies, to vulnerable families in Darebin.
- (4) Notes that, in addition, DIVRS receive and distribute nappies from the Nappy Collective.
- (5) Explores the creation of additional collection points for the Nappy Collective in Council facilities and community organisations, and offers to pay the one-off Nappy Collective sign up fee of \$80 for up to 10 suitably located additional pick up sites in Darebin to ensure increased access to support for Darebin families experiencing “nappy stress”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.3 RESURFACE THE ENTRANCE TO THE PITCHER PARK OVAL

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 29 April 2024, it is my intention to move:

That Council

- (1) *Notes that for years, members of the public have repeatedly asked Council to resurface the entrance to the Pitcher Park oval in Alphington because it has resulted in serious injuries and hospitalisations of players and spectators.*
- (2) *Notes that the entrance to the Pitcher Park oval is also the central thoroughfare for access to both pavilions and spectator areas. This entrance is gravel which is why it has resulted in many injuries.*
- (3) *Notes that during the last footy season, various incidents occurred due to the gravel surface, including an elderly spectator needing medical attention and an All Abilities player from the Parkside Football Club who was hospitalised with a concussion before running onto the oval.*
- (4) *Notes that Parkside Sports Club is based at Pitcher Park in Alphington, with over 1000 playing members in football, cricket and netball, with two All Abilities teams and hundreds of spectators on game days.*
- (5) *Notes that over the many years, the club has not been a priority for council, despite there being many reported incidents of falls on the gravel entrance to Pitcher Park.*
- (6) *Notes that with the beginning of the new footy season, the Club, coaches, players, spectators, and the general public are seriously concerned about everyone's safety at Pitcher Park.*
- (7) *Receives a report prior to the budget being adopted, listing the cost of resurfacing the gravel entrance to Pitcher Park and when it can be delivered by Council.*

Notice Received: 15 April 2024

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Date of Meeting: 29 April 2024

With leave of the Chairperson Mayor Newton, Cr Dimitriadis amended point (7) of the motion.

Motion

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

That Council

- (1) Notes that for years, members of the public have repeatedly asked Council to resurface the entrance to the Pitcher Park oval in Alphington because it has resulted in serious injuries and hospitalisations of players and spectators.
 - (2) Notes that the entrance to the Pitcher Park oval is also the central thoroughfare for access to both pavilions and spectator areas. This entrance is gravel which is why it has resulted in many injuries.
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- (3) Notes that during the last footy season, various incidents occurred due to the gravel surface, including an elderly spectator needing medical attention and an All Abilities player from the Parkside Football Club who was hospitalised with a concussion before running onto the oval.
- (4) Notes that Parkside Sports Club is based at Pitcher Park in Alphington, with over 1000 playing members in football, cricket and netball, with two All Abilities teams and hundreds of spectators on game days.
- (5) Notes that over the many years, the club has not been a priority for council, despite there being many reported incidents of falls on the gravel entrance to Pitcher Park.
- (6) Notes that with the beginning of the new footy season, the Club, coaches, players, spectators, and the general public are seriously concerned about everyone's safety at Pitcher Park.
- (7) Receives a report prior to the budget being adopted, ~~listing the cost of resurfacing the gravel entrance to Pitcher Park and when it can be delivered by Council~~ indicating when the project can be delivered and project timeframes once Council approves the funding

LOST

For: Crs Dimitriadis, Greco, Williams and Laurence

Against: Crs Hannan, Rennie, McCarthy, Messina and Newton

THE MOTION WAS DECLARED LOST.

11.4 PARTICIPATORY BUDGET

With leave of the Chairperson Mayor Newton, Cr Greco advised that he had withdrawn Notice of Motion Item 11.4 Participatory Budget.

11.5 PRESTON MARKET TRADERS - CALL FOR COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY CONSULTATION ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 29 April 2024, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

- (1) *Notes the new planning controls adopted by the Minister for Planning in August 2023 make the Minister the responsible authority for the development plan and all planning permits for the Preston Market precinct.*
- (2) *Notes the new planning controls require that Preston Market be substantially retained in its current place, while allowing sympathetic change and renewal.*
- (3) *Notes Preston Market will also be protected by a Heritage Overlay which will require any development to conserve and enhance the heritage significance of the site.*
- (4) *Notes a planning permit will be required for any new buildings and works, including alteration or demolition of any existing buildings.*
- (5) *Notes the new planning controls will guide a mixed-use development for the Preston Market precinct which features:*
 - (a) *Approximately 1,200 new dwellings.*
 - (b) *Building heights varying between one and 14 storeys across the site.*
 - (c) *Approximately 3,700 square metres of public open space that complements the market experience for all visitors.*
 - (d) *Protection of sunlight to Preston City Oval and other public open space.*
 - (e) *Street and pedestrian networks that connect the precinct to the new Preston Station & High St.*
- (6) *Notes that as part of any redevelopment, the landowner must prepare a development plan in accordance with the new planning provisions to the satisfaction of the Minister for Planning.*
- (7) *Notes the development plan must be prepared and approved before a planning permit can be granted for new use and development.*
- (8) *Resolves to write to the Minister for Planning requesting clear direction and information on what processes the Minister will put in place for the Darebin community, The Save the Preston Market Action Group and Council to have a say before any development plan is approved and any planning permits are granted by the Minister.*

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With leave of the Chairperson Mayor Newton, Cr Greco amended the Notice of Motion as follows:

Motion

MOVED: Cr. G Greco
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That Council:

- (1) Notes the new planning controls adopted by the Minister for Planning in August 2023 make the Minister the responsible authority for the development plan and all planning permits for the Preston Market precinct.
- (2) Notes the new planning controls require that Preston Market be substantially retained in its current place, while allowing sympathetic change and renewal.
- (3) Notes Preston Market will also be protected by a Heritage Overlay which will require any development to conserve and enhance the heritage significance of the site.
- (4) Notes a planning permit will be required for any new buildings and works, including alteration or demolition of any existing buildings.
- (5) Notes the new planning controls will guide a mixed-use development for the Preston Market precinct which features:
 - (a) Approximately 1,200 new dwellings.
 - (b) Building heights varying between one and 14 storeys across the site.
 - (c) Approximately 3,700 square metres of public open space that complements the market experience for all visitors.
 - (d) Protection of sunlight to Preston City Oval and other public open space.
 - (e) Street and pedestrian networks that connect the precinct to the new Preston Station & High St.
- (6) Notes that as part of any redevelopment, the landowner must prepare a development plan in accordance with the new planning provisions to the satisfaction of the Minister for Planning.
- (7) Notes the development plan must be prepared and approved before a planning permit can be granted for new use and development.
- (8) Resolves to write to the Minister for Planning requesting clear direction and information on what processes the Minister will put in place for the Darebin community, **traders**, The Save the Preston Market Action Group and Council to have a say before any development plan is approved and any planning permits are granted by the Minister.

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

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 24-080**

MOVED: Cr. G Greco
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That Council:

- (1) Notes the new planning controls adopted by the Minister for Planning in August 2023 make the Minister the responsible authority for the development plan and all planning permits for the Preston Market precinct.
- (2) Notes the new planning controls require that Preston Market be substantially retained in its current place, while allowing sympathetic change and renewal.

- (3) Notes Preston Market will also be protected by a Heritage Overlay which will require any development to conserve and enhance the heritage significance of the site.
- (4) Notes a planning permit will be required for any new buildings and works, including alteration or demolition of any existing buildings.
- (5) Notes the new planning controls will guide a mixed-use development for the Preston Market precinct which features:
 - (a) Approximately 1,200 new dwellings.
 - (b) Building heights varying between one and 14 storeys across the site.
 - (c) Approximately 3,700 square metres of public open space that complements the market experience for all visitors.
 - (d) Protection of sunlight to Preston City Oval and other public open space.
 - (e) Street and pedestrian networks that connect the precinct to the new Preston Station & High St.
- (6) Notes that as part of any redevelopment, the landowner must prepare a development plan in accordance with the new planning provisions to the satisfaction of the Minister for Planning.
- (7) Notes the development plan must be prepared and approved before a planning permit can be granted for new use and development.
- (8) Resolves to write to the Minister for Planning requesting clear direction and information on what processes the Minister will put in place for the Darebin community, **traders**, The Save the Preston Market Action Group and Council to have a say before any development plan is approved and any planning permits are granted by the Minister

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.6 MOTION FOR SUBMISSION TO THE NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS REGARDING THE CONFLICT IN GAZA

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 29 April 2024, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

- (1) *Endorses and acts accordingly in support of Merri-bek Council's unanimously endorsed motion for submission to the National General Assembly of Local Governments which reads as follows:*

"ALGA Mourns the tragic and horrific loss of civilian lives in the conflict in Gaza and condemns all attacks that target civilians. This pain resonates deeply worldwide and within our communities across Australia.

ALGA calls on the Australian government to help stop the starvation of people in Gaza by immediately restoring funding to UNRWA and doubling the funding.

ALGA also calls on the Australian government to advance the cause of peace by calling for:

- (a) An immediate and permanent ceasefire.*
 - (b) The immediate lifting of the siege to allow an unlimited supply of all of the essentials of life to be delivered to people in Gaza.*
 - (c) Ending any weapons sales to Israel and ending any deals with weapons companies that supply weapons to the Israeli military.*
 - (d) Urge all parties to uphold international law, including decisions of the International Court of Justice."*
- (2) *Supports and acts accordingly to Merri-bek's unanimously endorsed motion to requests the Australian Local Government Association to invite a speaker from either the Australian Palestine Advocacy Network or the Palestinian Delegation to Australia and New Zealand, to address the 2024 National General Assembly of Local Governments.*
- (3) *Consistent with Council's long-standing support for refugees and asylum seekers provide immediate support of up to \$5,000 in total, to faith, cultural, refugee and asylum seeker organisations to assist in their support of recently arrived families from Palestine in Darebin, in line with the same motion unanimously endorsed by Merri-bek Council.*
- (4) *Council signs on to the Statement by Current and former Australian Elected Representatives on the Situation in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories in support of an immediate, permanent ceasefire and a just and lasting peace:*

Link to the Statement and full list of signatories as follows:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/182u4eJnJUJ_Uruf1GlchLnF8XotnpnAX/edit

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With leave of the Chairperson Mayor Newton, Cr Greco amended the Notice of Motion as follows:

Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Endorses and acts accordingly in support of Merri-bek Council's unanimously endorsed motion for submission to the National General Assembly of Local Governments which reads as follows:

"ALGA Mourns the tragic and horrific loss of civilian lives in the conflict in Gaza and condemns all attacks that target civilians. This pain resonates deeply worldwide and within our communities across Australia.

ALGA calls on the Australian government to help stop the starvation of people in Gaza by immediately restoring funding to UNRWA and doubling the funding.

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- (a) An immediate and permanent ceasefire.*
- (b) The immediate lifting of the siege to allow an unlimited supply of all of the essentials of life to be delivered to people in Gaza.*
- (c) Ending any weapons sales to Israel and ending any deals with weapons companies that supply weapons to the Israeli military.*
- (d) Urge all parties to uphold international law, including decisions of the International Court of Justice."*

- a. Consults with the Darebin Interfaith Advisory Committee and other relevant stakeholders to further update and inform Darebin's position on this motion.**
 - b. Consults with the Darebin Interfaith Advisory Committee, Welcoming Cities Reference Group and other relevant stakeholders on any other supports which might assist people in Darebin who have been impacted by this conflict.**
 - c. Makes available up to \$5000 to implement any advice that flows from this consultation on ways in which we can support communities in Darebin who have been impacted by this conflict.**
- (2) Supports and acts accordingly to Merri-bek's unanimously endorsed motion to requests the Australian Local Government Association to invite a speaker from either the Australian Palestine Advocacy Network or the Palestinian Delegation to Australia and New Zealand, to address the 2024 National General Assembly of Local Governments.
- ~~(3) Consistent with Council's long standing support for refugees and asylum seekers provide immediate support of up to \$5,000 in total, to faith, cultural, refugee and asylum seeker organisations to assist in their support of recently arrived families from Palestine in Darebin, in line with the same motion unanimously endorsed by Merri-bek Council.~~
- (3) Council signs on to the Statement by Current and former Australian Elected Representatives on the Situation in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories in support of an immediate, permanent ceasefire and a just and lasting peace:

Link to the Statement and full list of signatories as follows:
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- (4) Note that the situation has changed since Merri-bek submitted their motion and that \$6 million UNWRA funding has been re-instated. Notes that even \$12 million is inadequate for the scale of the crisis, with the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) calling for \$100 million in humanitarian assistance as of 22 April. Council instructs its delegates to ALGA to act in accordance with this more recent information following consultation with the Darebin Interfaith Committee and other stakeholders.

Cr Rennie proposed to the mover and seconder that the motion be amended as follows:

That Council:

- (1) Notes that Merri-bek has submitted a motion on the conflict in Gaza to the National General Assembly of Local Governments.
- (2) Consults with the Darebin Interfaith Advisory Committee and other relevant stakeholders to inform Darebin's position on this motion.
- (3) Consults with the Darebin Interfaith Advisory Committee, Welcoming Cities Reference Group and other relevant stakeholders on any other supports which might assist people in Darebin who have been impacted by this conflict
- (4) Makes available up to \$5000 to implement any advice that flows from this consultation on ways in which we can support communities in Darebin who have been impacted by this conflict.

This was not accepted by the mover and seconder.

EXTENSION OF TIME - 9.57

Extension of Time

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

That the Council meeting continue after 10pm for 15 minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes that Merri-bek has submitted a motion on the conflict in Gaza to the National General Assembly of Local Governments.
- (2) Consults with the Darebin Interfaith Advisory Committee and other relevant stakeholders to inform Darebin's position on this motion.
- (3) Consults with the Darebin Interfaith Advisory Committee, Welcoming Cities Reference Group and other relevant stakeholders on any other supports which might assist people in Darebin who have been impacted by this conflict.
- (4) Makes available up to \$5000 to implement any advice that flows from this consultation on ways in which we can support communities in Darebin who have been impacted by this conflict.

CARRIED**For:** Crs Hannan, Rennie, McCarthy, Messina and Newton (5)**Against:** Crs Greco and Laurence (2)**Abstained:** Crs Dimitriadis and Williams (2)

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION AS FOLLOWS:

Substantive Motion**MOVED: Cr. G Greco**
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence**That Council:**

- (1) Notes that Merri-bek has submitted a motion on the conflict in Gaza to the National General Assembly of Local Governments.
- (2) Consults with the Darebin Interfaith Advisory Committee and other relevant stakeholders to inform Darebin's position on this motion.
- (3) Consults with the Darebin Interfaith Advisory Committee, Welcoming Cities Reference Group and other relevant stakeholders on any other supports which might assist people in Darebin who have been impacted by this conflict.
- (4) Makes available up to \$5000 to implement any advice that flows from this consultation on ways in which we can support communities in Darebin who have been impacted by this conflict.

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

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 24-081****MOVED: Cr. G Greco**
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence**That Council:**

- (1) Notes that Merri-bek has submitted a motion on the conflict in Gaza to the National General Assembly of Local Governments.
- (2) Consults with the Darebin Interfaith Advisory Committee and other relevant stakeholders to inform Darebin's position on this motion.
- (3) Consults with the Darebin Interfaith Advisory Committee, Welcoming Cities Reference Group and other relevant stakeholders on any other supports which might assist people in Darebin who have been impacted by this conflict.
- (4) Makes available up to \$5000 to implement any advice that flows from this consultation on ways in which we can support communities in Darebin who have been impacted by this conflict.

CARRIED**For:** Crs Hannan, Rennie, McCarthy, Messina and Newton (5)**Against:** Cr Greco (1)**Abstained:** Crs Dimitriadis, Williams and Laurence (3)

12. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

13. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

CLOSE OF MEETING

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. J Williams

That in accordance with section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the meeting be closed to members of the public to consider the following items on the basis that these matters are confidential for the following reasons :

13.1 Contract Award - CT202374 Provision of Recycling Processing Service

This item is confidential because it is private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage, pursuant to Section 3(1) (g(ii)) of the Act.

CARRIED

The meeting was closed to the members of the public at 10.05pm.

The Council considered and resolved on Report Item 13.1 which had been circulated to Councillors with the Council Agenda Paper.

RE-OPENING OF MEETING

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY


The meeting was re-opened to the members of the public at 10.09pm.

14. CLOSE OF MEETING


The meeting closed at 10.09pm.

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