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# MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 24 May 2021

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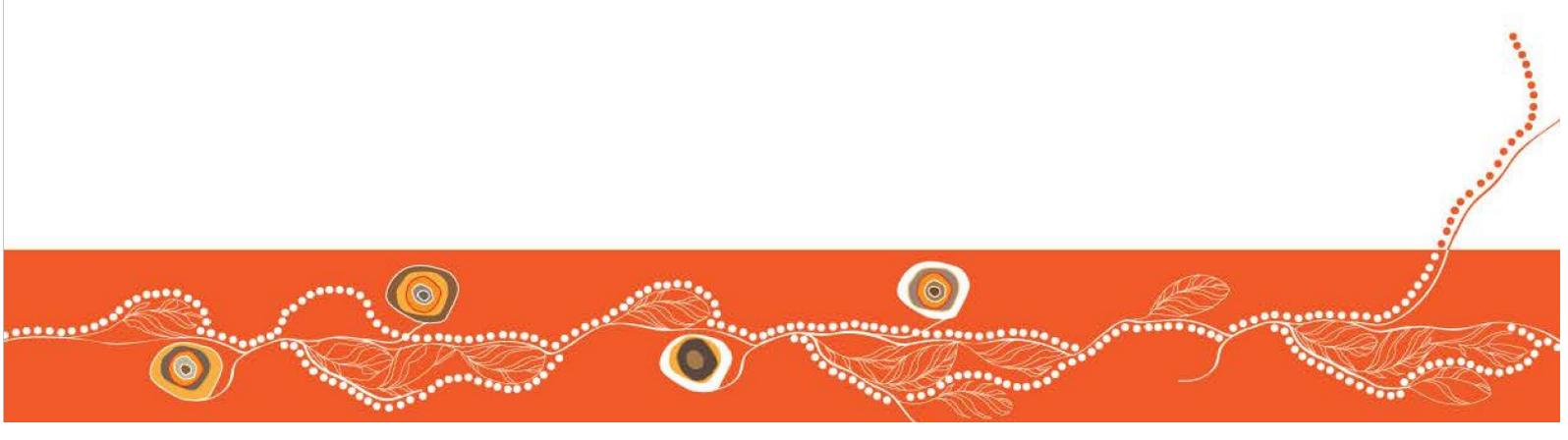
## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS AND ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITIES IN DAREBIN**

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### Somali

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## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 24 MAY 2021

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### THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.01PM

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

## 1. OPENING OF MEETING AND MEMBERSHIP

### ***Councillors***

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

### ***Council Officers***

Jodie Watson – Acting Chief Executive Officer & General Manager Governance and Engagement  
Sam Hewett - General Manager Operations and Capital  
Kerry McGrath - General Manager Communities  
Stevie Meyer – Acting General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy  
Anita Craven - Manager Governance and Corporate Strategy  
Catherine Dear – Manager Assets and Capital Delivery  
Vicky Guglielmo – Manager Creative Culture and Events  
Damian Hogan – Manager Finance  
Anika Labadie – City Design Coordinator  
Lizzy Skinner – Senior Project Manager  
Stephen Mahon - Coordinator Council Business  
Rachna Gupta Singh - Senior Council Business Officer  
Karlee Ferrante – Council Business Officer

## 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

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

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

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## 3. APOLOGIES

Sue Wilkinson, Chief Executive Officer was noted as an apology.

## 4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

## 5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Mayor noted that the minutes of Special Council Meeting held on Monday, 10 May 2021 had been circulated to councillors and are also presented for confirmation. The Officer Recommendation has been amended accordingly.

### Officer Recommendation

**That** the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 26 April 2021 and Special Council Meeting held on 10 May 2021 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

### Council Resolution

**MINUTE NO. 21-045**

**MOVED: Cr. J Williams**

**SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie**

**That** the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 26 April 2021 and Special Council Meeting held on 10 May 2021 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 6. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

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

- **Louise Kenney-Shen, Reservoir**

1. With Councils new regulations around requirements for professional arborists to perform arborist services and pruning for trees and bushes over a specific size, the problem has arisen of some residents not being aware of what kind of costs should be the average for these services, and the potential of them being taken advantage of is huge. Can Council, as it has made this requirement, provide a general guide for residents as to the kinds of prices to expect for arborist services, and can council potentially create a list of trusted service providers to ensure peace of mind with those requiring the services
2. Could you please provide us with the exact wording in the code of conduct rules for councillors in relation to a: use of social media, particularly usage under the title of councillor b: comments made publicly about council decisions and operations and c: comments made publicly about other councillors.
3. Could council please provide a cost breakdown of the 400k allocated to the pop up park at Oakover Rd, as the initial cost was listed as around 200k.

### Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

1. **Costs for arboricultural services can vary depending on the size of the tree, how much pruning is required and site conditions such as buildings or infrastructure under the tree and ease of access to remove pruning.**

**The cost is generally between \$300-400 per hour with a minimum of 1 hour and possibility of 4+ hours for a large tree.**

**Council does not maintain a list of qualified arborists but can provide contacts for a limited number of arborists if requested. Qualified arborists must be at least Cert 3 for pruning, based on a Cert 5 assessment.**

2. **Rather than me reading out the wording for these matters from the Councillor Code of Conduct and Councillor Media and Social Media Policy I am more than happy to direct you to our website where the full documents are available for viewing.**
3. **On the 4th September 2017, Council resolved to permanently close the Oakover slip lane and transform this to a permanent pocket park.**

**The first stage of this project was completed by Council in the 2019/20 financial year. With respect to stage 2, Council received a grant from DELWP for \$400k to create a public space with new seating, trees, planting, lighting and a water sensitive garden bed. This grant amount was listed in the adopted Council 20/21 budget within the total external grant amounts.**

- **Matthew J Burke, Preston**

1. At the last meeting, this Council passed a motion to not proceed with an essential design element of the 'Streets for People' project, essentially ignoring a time-consuming and expensive consultation and design process. What's the point of embarking on

consultation and spending untold amounts on design concepts when ultimately Council votes to ignore their recommendations?

2. Councillor Greco's Motion, whilst opting to not proceed with the two pinch points on Cramer St, did include an undertaking to "further investigate ... other treatments to achieve the same purpose." Can the mayor report on the preliminary findings of this investigation that I presume has commenced in the last month?
3. The motion also called on Council to receive "a report at a future Council meeting on the options for timing and scope of these further investigations." At which meeting is it expected that this report will be received?

### **Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina**

**Thank you for your questions and interest in road safety Matthew. I will take your first question as a statement and in response to your other questions, I would like to explain that while Council decided to proceed with further investigations, Council did resolve to first receive a report about the timing and scope of the investigations.**

**Officers have started preparing advice on the investigation options for Council to consider in July.**

- **Serena O'Meley, Reservoir**

1. Do you have a progress report on negotiations for land within Clements Reserve, including whether the town planning advice referred to in a letter from Darebin Council to me dated 1 April 2021 has been received, and whether the Valuer General Valuation has now been sought?
2. There are many people in the community who are concerned about the loss of the Dumbarton Street Grassland, which one of Darebin Council's own reports recognises is of National Natural Heritage Significance (see: <https://www.darebinvotes.com/post/how-darebin-council-lost-the-dumbarton-grassland>). With less than 1% of Victorian Volcanic Plains grassland left, even small parcels of land are critical for habitat protection (see: Darebin Nature Trust member, Neal Masters, recently appeared on the ABC's Gardening Australia to talk about the importance of such remnant grassland areas: <https://tinyurl.com/wu4ex4ht>). When will representatives of Darebin Council meet with the Planning Minister, Hon. Richard Wynne, to seek to negotiate for protection of this site?
3. Council staff and members of the Ruthven Community Reference Group met with Elders on 29 October 2019 to discuss the renaming of the former Ruthven Primary School site, Reservoir, in the Woi Wurrung language. This meeting drew on suggestions from the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee (DACC) about returning it to its original name, if it is known, or choosing a name which may describe a natural feature, or previous use, of the site. This discussion will be recorded in the DACC minutes.

Renaming is becoming urgent because the site is frequently being confused with the W.R. Ruthven V.C. Reserve in Preston. This led to an error in Hansard which had to be corrected, and a recent error in a public announcement related to a grant. More seriously, if emergency services need to attend the site they might be sent to the wrong place. Can you give us a progress report on the renaming?

**Response from Acting Chief Executive Officer, Jodie Watson**

1. Thank you for your questions Serena. Officers are continuing to progress the purchase of Clements Reserve. The matters being addressed currently are considered confidential as they relate to a legal process being undertaken between two government agencies.

Ms Watson agreed to take the question on notice and for a response to be provided by officers.

2. Council is concerned about the plans for development at Dumbarton Street, and know that the many people in the community share this concern.

Darebin Council has repeatedly advocated for the protection of the indigenous grasslands at the site and offered to work with the State Government to identify alternative sites for social housing.

Council has requested a meeting with the Planning Minister, Hon. Richard Wynne to discuss this matter. And we will continue to advocate for the protection of the grasslands.

3. Council is committed to naming the former Ruthven Primary School site in the Woi Wurrung language. This is one of several sites which Council has put forward to the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Corporation requesting a name in Woi Wurrung language and this progress remains ongoing. Once a name has been provided, Council will undertake the statutory process to formally name the space.

- **Ruth Jelley, Northcote**

Following Council's resolution on 26 April 2021 to not proceed with construction of two pinch points on James Street, Preston this financial year and instead undertake further investigation of other treatments to achieve the same purpose:

1. Can Council please provide an update on the progress of its investigations into alternative road safety measures, including comparative costings and impact on the budget?
2. Will Council consider pollution impact as part of its deliberations on speed reduction treatments for this key strategic road safety project?

I note that a question asked by Kirby from Preston was taken on notice at last month's meeting and has not been included in the summary of responses to questions taken on notice in the agenda for tonight's meeting.

3. Can Council confirm if that question has been addressed, and commit to making that response public as per the Governance rules?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina**

Officers have started preparing advice on the investigation options for Council to consider in July. This report will include costs for investigations.

Council's decision in July will determine when further investigations are to be done. After the investigation is complete, a report will be tabled to Council, outlining the costs of construction and any pollution impacts.

**Please be advised that a response will be provided to Kirby by the end of the week and that response will be included in the next Governance report for 28 June Council meeting.**

- **David Isdale, Preston**

Re. Parking 252 Murray Road, Preston / Development Site 254-256 Murray Road, Preston

As construction nears completion next door to me of a seven triple-storey townhouse development with underground car parking, is it possible for the street parking outside my property to become permit parking ensuring I can park outside my house?

I get that the development has parking as an inclusion but given the likelihood of multiple car ownership by residents and visitor parking being on the front street, I'm anticipating additional competition for on street parking on an already busy street.

I'd appreciate your support in this regard.

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina**

**Parking management is an operation item handled by the Sustainable Transport team and guided by the parking permit policy.**

**The Manager of the area will give you a call tomorrow to discuss.**

- **David Isdale, Preston**

Around seven years ago, Council addressed the raising of the concrete path by tree roots from what passes for a "Nature Strip" outside my house at 252 Murray Road, Preston by adding some temporary tarmac patching to the raised section. This situation has worsened significantly in other areas of the pavement and it is a serious trip hazard now in an area which sees some significant pedestrian traffic.

When will Council address the temporary with the permanent fix and perhaps address the root cause (pun intended) being the tree?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina**

**Thank you for your question David. The tree located outside 252 Murray Rd is a species of Jacaranda – consistent with the existing street theme.**

**The works for the permanent replacement of the footpath section is programmed to be undertaken before 30 June 2021. I will arrange for the relevant Manager to contact you to discuss this matter.**

*Thank you for those questions received this evening.*

*The Mayor advised that we also received several questions relating to Preston Market and the announcement by the State Government of draft planning controls for consultation. In line with Council's governance rules and based on officer advice, these questions have been disallowed as they relate to a Notice of Motion listed for tonight's meeting.*

*In doing so, I want to reassure you that Council has a very clear position to doing everything in its power to ensure the market is protected, and our objectives are set out in the Heart of Preston document.*

*Irrespective of the outcome of the decision about the Notice of Motion listed on tonight's agenda – the CEO has advised that she will put a report to a future Council meeting for Council to consider making submission to the State Government about the proposed planning controls for Preston Market.*

*The Manager City Futures will be in touch with everyone who has submitted a question tonight to offer to meet so that any feedback can be shared with Council.*

*I also encourage anyone here or watching tonight to make a submission directly to the State Government.*

- **Carolyn Lunt, Northcote**

I wish to refer to questions previously raised at a Council meeting in regard to the management and practices at the Jikka Jikka Community Centre in the Oldis Gardens.

1. Have my questions been answered as 2 were taken on notice? I did find out that a committee of management makes those decisions and that they have a pepper corn lease. A decision was made to limit the use of the centre and to turn the outdoor space into a garden.

One of my questions was 'why' the reasoning and also which plants will be used as the Merri Merri is very close and could be infiltrated by these species.

2. All the infrastructure has been removed and all things that were removed were in good condition. When I asked who removed these I was told it was Council and I was just wanting to confirm if this was true?
3. Has the agreement been tightened and when will this be completed? Will the community have an input?

### **Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina**

**These questions will be taken on notice**

#### **Geoffrey Richards, Reservoir**

1. Re-planned works at leisure centres, have tender documents sought to ensure that local firms are given the opportunity to participate and are tenderers being asked to specify the proposed proportion of contract monies/activities that would be undertaken by locally based providers. If not, why not and will Council now consider same?
2. The above approach is also applicable to current in-house or contracted works. Part payment through a local voucher system may be possible. If not currently being done, why not and will Council now consider same?

### **Response from Acting Chief Executive Officer, Jodie Watson**

**Council is very proud to have a social sustainable procurement policy which provides priority to secure local businesses to achieve the work for Council and to drive a social outcome through things like social enterprises as well as employment such as trainees.**

We don't currently have a voucher exchange system, but we will take this on notice and get back to you.

## 7. PETITIONS

### TABLING OF PETITION – REINSTATE THE VERGE/EDGE OF THE ROAD ALONG STANLAKE STREET

Cr. Newton sought leave of Council to present a petition regarding the condition of the verge / edge of Berwick Street and Stanlake Street Reservoir which was adversely impacted during the level Crossing removal Works for the Reservoir Station  
Leave was granted

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 21-046**

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

**That** the petition signed by approx. 21 persons stating:

We, the undersigned petition Darebin Council to reinstate the verge / edge of the road along Stanlake Street to the state prior to the level crossing removal works for the Reservoir Station

Be received and referred to the Chief Executive Officer for action.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 8. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

*The following person made a submission in relation to this item*

- *Serena O'Meley*

### 8.1 RUTHVEN PLAYSPLACE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A draft concept design for the Ruthven Park Playspace has been developed and was released for public consultation between 8 February and 28 February 2021. The proposed Ruthven Park Playspace has been designed to form a key focal point in the heart of the new park. It has been designed to bring to life the directions in Council's Master Plan which was developed with community feedback between 2017 and 2019.

Community feedback has been used to update the concept designs and this is now proposed for Council consideration. The Ruthven Park Playspace site includes an informal nature play area, play equipment that emphasises natural materials and colours, indigenous plantings and robust native species, seating, and a waste bin to support all park users.

If Council endorses the concept designs proposed in this report, construction is expected to start in September 2021.

#### Officer Recommendation

**That** Council:

- (1) Thanks the community and stakeholders for their involvement in the engagement and consultation process
- (2) Endorses the final concept designs for the Ruthven Park Playspace

#### Motion

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

**That** Council:

- (1) Thanks the community and stakeholders for their involvement in the engagement and consultation process
- (2) Endorses the final concept designs for the Ruthven Park Playspace
- (3) Receives a report on how Council can plan for the provision of shade for the play equipment and seating/picnic areas as part of the budget considerations.

**Amendment****MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy****That Council:**

- (1) Thanks the community and stakeholders for their involvement in the engagement and consultation process.
- (2) Endorses the final concept designs for the Ruthven Park Playspace.
- (3) Undertakes consultation with Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Corporation, Darebin Nature Trust and Friends of Ruthven Park about the naming of the park and the proposed detailed design for Ruthven Park.
- (4) Receives a report on the outcomes of consultation with Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Corporation, Darebin Nature Trust and Friends of Ruthven Park, along with further information about how Council can plan for the provision of shade for the play equipment and seating/picnic areas.

The mover and seconder of the motion consented to the amendment.

The amendment became the substantive motion before Council, was put and carried unanimously.

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 21-047****MOVED: Cr. G Greco**  
**SECONDED: Cr. S Newton****That Council:**

- (1) Thanks the community and stakeholders for their involvement in the engagement and consultation process.
- (2) Endorses the final concept designs for the Ruthven Park Playspace.
- (3) Undertakes consultation with Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Corporation, Darebin Nature Trust and Friends of Ruthven Park about the naming of the park and the proposed detailed design for Ruthven Park.
- (4) Receives a report on the outcomes of consultation with Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Corporation, Darebin Nature Trust and Friends of Ruthven Park, along with further information about how Council can plan for the provision of shade for the play equipment and seating/picnic areas.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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## 8.2 PROPOSED DESIGN OF THE DAREBIN INTERCULTURAL CENTRE

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In December 2019, Council resolved to move the Darebin Intercultural Centre from 59A Roseberry Avenue, Preston to the civic buildings on the corner of High and Gower Streets, Preston. At that time, Council tasked officers with the formation of a Community Reference Group (CRG) to provide advice on the concept design phase of the relocated centre ensuring it is a welcoming, inclusive, culturally safe and fit-for-purpose design that will meet community expectations.

Together with the CRG and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation (Wurundjeri), Sibling Architecture has developed a wholistic vision for the precinct that delivers on the community's aspirations for the centre. The precinct vision and design principles have formed the basis for the relocation project concept design that has been overall endorsed by the CRG and supported by Wurundjeri.

<b>Officer Recommendation</b>
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**That Council:**

- (1) Endorse the concept design (**Appendix A**) for the relocated Intercultural Centre and approve the project proceeding to tender.
- (2) Note the recommendations of the Community Reference Group as supported by Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation.

<b>Motion</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. G Greco  
**SECONDED:** Cr. T Laurence

**That Council:**

- (1) Endorse the concept design (**Appendix A**) for the relocated Intercultural Centre and approve the project proceeding to tender
- (2) Note the recommendations of the Community Reference Group as supported by Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation:
- (3) Receives a report in July 2021 on setting up a short term 'Intercultural Programming Vision Group' that includes external advisors to prepare and establish a vision, objectives and strategies on future programming for the new Intercultural Centre.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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MINUTE NO. 21-048

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Endorse the concept design (**Appendix A**) for the relocated Intercultural Centre and approve the project proceeding to tender
- (2) Note the recommendations of the Community Reference Group as supported by Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation:
- (3) Receives a report in July 2021 on setting up a short term 'Intercultural Programming Vision Group' that includes external advisors to prepare and establish a vision, objectives and strategies on future programming for the new Intercultural Centre.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**8.3 2020–21 QUARTER 3 COUNCIL PLAN ACTION PLAN  
PROGRESS REPORT INCLUDING FINANCIAL REPORT**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council is required by the *Local Government Act* (the Act) to prepare a Council Plan containing the strategic objectives of Council, strategies for achieving those objectives, and indicators to monitor the achievement of those objectives.

The attached report provides a comprehensive summary of Council's activities, including progress towards achieving agreed Council Plan actions, financial performance and the delivery of the capital works program for the nine months to 31 March 2021. The provision of an integrated report detailing outputs reflects Council's commitment to improved transparency.

The report also includes the following comparisons for the nine months ended 31 March 2021:

- Actual and budgeted operating revenues and expenses
- Actual and budgeted capital revenues and expenses
- Actual and budgeted movements in the balance sheet
- Actual and budgeted movements in the cash flow statement.

Based on the outcome of the mid-year budget review and report, the Chief Executive Officer, as required under Section 97(3) of the Act 2020 is of the opinion a revised budget process is not required.

<b>Officer Recommendation</b>
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**That** Council:

- (1) Notes the 2020–21 Quarter 3 Council Plan Action Plan Progress Report at **Appendix A**.
- (2) Notes the Financial Report (in **Appendix A**) for the 9 months ended 31 March 2021.
- (3) Notes the Chief Executive Officer, as required under Section 97(3) of the *Local Government Act 2020* is of the opinion a revised budget is not required.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 21-049**

**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy

**SECONDED:** Cr. S Rennie

**That** Council:

- (1) Notes the 2020–21 Quarter 3 Council Plan Action Plan Progress Report at **Appendix A**.
- (2) Notes the Financial Report (in **Appendix A**) for the 9 months ended 31 March 2021
- (3) Notes the Chief Executive Officer, as required under Section 97(3) of the Local Government Act 2020 is of the opinion a revised budget is not required.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 8.4

M9 GROUP OF COUNCILS

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to consider joining a group of inner-city councils for the purpose of shared advocacy, with a working title of M9.

**Officer Recommendation**

**That** Council:

- (1) Agrees to join an expanded group of inner-city councils for the purpose of shared advocacy, with a working title of M9.
- (2) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with other participating councils to establish the new entity and its operating principles.
- (3) Receives further information on proposed advocacy priorities.

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 21-050**

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

**That** Council:

- (1) Agrees to join an expanded group of inner-city councils for the purpose of shared advocacy, with a working title of M9.
- (2) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with other participating councils to establish the new entity and its operating principles.
- (3) Receives further information on proposed advocacy priorities.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**8.5 GOVERNANCE REPORT - MAY 2021**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

- Summary of Advisory Committees, Councillor Briefing and other informal meetings of Councillors;
- Reports by Mayor and Councillors;
- Responses to the questions taken on notice during Public Question Time at the Council Meetings held on 8 April 2021 and 26 April 2021;
- Councillor Expenses for the quarter from 1 January 2021 to 31 March 2021.

<b>Officer Recommendation</b>
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**That Council:**

1. Notes the Governance Report – May 2021
2. Notes the summary of Advisory Committees, Councillor Briefings and other Informal Meetings of Councillors at **Appendix A** to this report, for incorporation in the minutes of this meeting.
3. Notes that Reports by Mayors and Councillors submitted prior to the meeting and circulated to Councillors, will be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.
4. Notes the responses to the questions taken on notice during Public Question Time at the Council meetings held on 8 April 2021 and 26 April 2021, at **Appendix B** to this report.
5. Notes the Councillor Expenses Report for the quarter from 1 January 2021 to 31 March 2021, at **Appendix C** to this Report.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 21-051**

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

**That Council:**

1. Notes the Governance Report – May 2021
2. Notes the summary of Advisory Committees, Councillor Briefings and other Informal Meetings of Councillors at **Appendix A** to this report, for incorporation in the minutes of this meeting.
3. Notes that Reports by Mayors and Councillors submitted prior to the meeting and circulated to Councillors, will be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.
4. Notes the responses to the questions taken on notice during Public Question Time at the Council meetings held on 8 April 2021 and 26 April 2021, at **Appendix B** to this report.
5. Notes the Councillor Expenses Report for the quarter from 1 January 2021 to 31 March 2021, at **Appendix C** to this Report.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 9. NOTICES OF MOTION

### 9.1 PRESTON MARKET

**Councillor:** Gaetano GRECO

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Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 24 May 2021, it is my intention to move:

**That** Council:

1. Notes the release of the Victorian Planning Authority's (VPA) draft planning controls for the Preston Market site.
2. Receives a report at the next Council meeting or earlier (depending on VPA feedback times lines) on;
  - a. An appropriate Council response in line with the updated Heart of Preston position paper
  - b. A community awareness and advocacy campaign aligns with the any proposed planning controls with the Council's updated Heart of Preston Position paper

<b>Motion</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. G Greco  
**SECONDED:** Cr. T Laurence

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the release of the Victorian Planning Authority's (VPA) draft planning controls for the Preston Market site.
- (2) Notes the Mayor's recent media statements regarding the VPA's draft planning controls.
- (3) Takes immediate action to support and encourage as many residents as possible to make submissions to the VPA on the proposed draft planning controls.
- (4) Writes to all local state and federal MP in the Darebin area seeking a meeting with the Mayor regarding the draft planning controls released by the VPA to discuss their views on the retention of the market and its local heritage significance in line with Heart of Preston report.
- (5) Receives a report at the next Council meeting, but preferably earlier on:
  - a. a comprehensive Council submission in line with the updated Heart of Preston position paper
  - b. a comprehensive community awareness and advocacy campaign that aligns with Council's updated Heart of Preston Position paper. The awareness and campaign strategy should consider but not be limited to the following:
    - i. Council organising a meeting with the Preston Market Traders chaired by the Mayor
    - ii. Council organising a Public meeting chaired by the mayor with residents
    - iii. Banner(s), flyers and other campaign material that promote the saving of the existing Preston Market in line with Council's Heart of Preston position paper.
    - iv. A radio, newspaper and social media campaign to oppose the VPA's draft planning controls.

<b>Amendment</b>
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**MOVED:**            **Cr. T McCarthy**

**That** the motion be amended to include an additional sub point c. to Point 5 to read:

- 5. c)** Planning provisions that could be considered by VPA to ensure any development of the Preston Market site:
- i. delivers excellence in environmentally sustainable design.
  - ii. markedly exceeds current state and local planning requirements to meet the State Government's zero emissions and circular economy objectives, as well as banning the use of gas throughout the site.
  - iii. ensures provision of at least 10% public open space on site, at multiple key intersections including along the main east-west market street and an additional financial contribution of up to 8.2% to enhance existing open space within the central Preston area.
  - iv. remain within the updated Heart of Preston position paper

The mover and seconder of the motion consented to the amendment.

The amended motion became substantive motion before the Council, was put and carried unanimously.

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 21-052**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the release of the Victorian Planning Authority's (VPA) draft planning controls for the Preston Market site.
- (2) Notes the Mayor's recent media statements regarding the VPA's draft planning controls.
- (3) Takes immediate action to support and encourage as many residents as possible to make submissions to the VPA on the proposed draft planning controls.
- (4) Writes to all local state and federal MP in the Darebin area seeking a meeting with the Mayor regarding the draft planning controls released by the VPA to discuss their views on the retention of the market and its local heritage significance in line with Heart of Preston report.
- (5) Receives a report at the next Council meeting, but preferably earlier on:
  - a. a comprehensive Council submission in line with the updated Heart of Preston position paper
  - b. a comprehensive community awareness and advocacy campaign that aligns with Council's updated Heart of Preston Position paper. The awareness and campaign strategy should consider but not be limited to the following:
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    - iii. Banner(s), flyers and other campaign material that promote the saving of the existing Preston Market in line with Council's Heart of Preston position paper.
    - iv. A radio, newspaper and social media campaign to oppose the VPA's draft planning controls.
  - c. Planning provisions that could be considered by VPA to ensure any development of the Preston Market site:
    - i. delivers excellence in environmentally sustainable design.
    - ii. markedly exceeds current state and local planning requirements to meet the State Government's zero emissions and circular economy objectives, as well as banning the use of gas throughout the site.
    - iii. ensures provision of at least 10% public open space on site, at multiple key intersections including along the main east-west market street and an additional financial contribution of up to 8.2% to enhance existing open space within the central Preston area.
    - iv. remain within the updated Heart of Preston position paper

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 10. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

## 11. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

### CLOSURE OF MEETING

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 21-053**

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

**That** in accordance with section 66(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council resolves to close the meeting to members of the public to consider the item designated confidential by the Chief Executive Officer on the basis that the matter is confidential in accordance with Section 3(1) of the Act.

#### 11.1 Contractual Matter

This item is designated confidential because it contains personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs, pursuant to Section 3(1) (f) of the Act.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*The meeting was closed to the members of the public at 7.35 pm.*

***The Council considered and resolved on Report Item 11.1 – Contractual Matter***

Councillor Rennie left the meeting at 9.13pm and did not return to the meeting.

### RE-OPENING OF MEETING

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 21-054**

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

**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 9.14pm.*

**12. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 9.14pm.

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