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MINUTES OF THE HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Monday 16 June 2025

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**DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE DAREBIN COUNCIL CHAMBER,
350 HIGH STREET PRESTON, MONDAY 16 JUNE 2025**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.33PM

The Chairperson, Mayor Kristine Olaris (OAM) advised that the meeting was being streamed live and that audio and video would be made available on Council's website.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The Chairperson, Mayor Kristine Olaris (OAM), 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. I recognise their continuing connection to land, water and culture and pay my respects to Elders past and present.

1. PRESENT

Councillors

Cr. Kristine Olaris OAM (Mayor)
Cr. Emily Dimitriadis (Deputy Mayor) (online)
Cr. Matt Arturi
Cr. Connie Boglis OAM
Cr. Ruth Jelley
Cr. Julie O'Brien
Cr. Alexandra Sangster
Cr. Vasilios Tsalkos

Council Officers

Rachel Ollivier - General Manager Infrastructure, Operations and Finance
Enna Giampiccolo - Executive Manager, Governance, Risk, Communications and Engagement
Caroline Buisson - General Manager Customer and Corporate
Nina Cullen - General Manager Community
Vanessa Petrie - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy
Jody Brodribb - Coordinator Governance Services

Municipal Monitors

June Anstee (online)

2. APOLOGIES

Nil.

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee Decision

MOVED: Cr. Boglis OAM
SECONDED: Cr. Jelley

That the Minutes of the Hearing of Submissions Committee Meeting held on 12 May 2025 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL'S OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES

The Chairperson, Mayor Olaris, 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:

- *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).*
- *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.*
- *Anyone attending a Meeting must not utter any offensive, indecent, insulting, or objectionable words, including words that are racist, sexist or homophobic, or interject or gesticulate offensively in the Council Chamber.*
- *If anyone 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.*

5. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

5.1 HEARING OF SUBMISIONS: DRAFT BUDGET & DRAFT OUR DAREBIN PLAN

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Reviewed By: General Manager Infrastructure, Operations & Finance

The following people made 2-minute verbal submissions to the Committee:

1. James Schloeffel
2. Matt Carr
3. Nick Bordignon
4. Lindsey Brown
5. Sean Mulcahy
6. Andrew Mansfield
7. Kyp Kyprianou
8. Susie Latham
9. Jason Goldsmith
10. Joanna Margiolis
11. Christina DiPierdomenico
12. Angela Hill
13. Ke Chong Kuok
14. Susanne Newton
15. Karen Bayly

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 12 May 2025, Council resolved the following documents be made available for community exhibition and feedback for a three-week period between 14 May to 3 June 2025:

- Draft 2025-26 budget (incorporating the 4-year financial outlook),
- Draft 10-year Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) 2026-2035,
- Draft 4-year Revenue and Rating Plan 2025-26 to 2028-29,
- Draft 10-year Asset Management Plan 2026-2035,
- Draft Our Darebin Plan 2025-29,
- Draft Our Annual Action Plan 2025-26,
- Declaration of the public waste service charge,
- Declaration of the service charge for kerbside collection services,
- Granting of the three concessions aligned to equity principles to support waste cost recovery charges,

- Granting of a Council Pensioner Rebate within general rates, aligned to equity principles, for pensioners who are not eligible for the Kerbside Waste Collection Charge Pensioner Concession; and
- 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.

Council placed the draft budget & associated documents on public display, with any person requesting to be heard in support of their written submission to be heard by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee at 6.30pm on 16 June 2025.

Council is required to adopt a Budget each financial year and will consider adoption of the budget on 30 June 2025, including considering all submissions.

Committee Decision

MINUTE NO. 25-080

Moved: Cr. M Arturi
SECONDED: Cr. V Tsalkos

That Council:

- (1) Notes the submissions received from the community (**confidential Appendix A**)
- (2) Thanks all submitters and presenters for addressing the Committee in support of their budget submission.
- (3) Refers all submissions for further consideration to the Council meeting to be held on 30 June 2025 as part of Council's deliberations in adopting the Budget 2025-26, Our Darebin Plan 2025-29 and associated matters.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 7.22pm.