



# **Ordinary Meeting of Council Minutes**

**held on Tuesday 4 April 2017 at 7.00pm  
Richmond Town Hall**

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## 1. Statement of Recognition of Wurundjeri Land

*“Welcome to the City of Yarra.”*

*“Yarra City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri as the Traditional Owners of this country, pays tribute to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Yarra and gives respect to the Elders past and present.”*

## 2. Attendance, apologies and requests for leave of absence

### Attendance

#### Councillors

- Cr Amanda Stone (Mayor)
- Cr Danae Bosler
- Cr Mi-Lin Chen Yi Mei
- Cr Misha Coleman
- Cr Jackie Fristacky
- Cr Stephen Jolly
- Cr Mike McEvoy
- Cr Daniel Nguyen
- Cr James Searle

#### Council officers

- Vijaya Vaidyanath (Chief Executive Officer)
- Ivan Gilbert (Group Manager - CEO's Office)
- Andrew Day (Director - Corporate, Business and Finance)
- Chris Leivers (Director - Community Wellbeing)
- Joanne Murdoch (Director - Advocacy and Engagement)
- Bruce Phillips (Director - Planning and Place Making)
- Jane Waldock (Assistant Director - Planning and Place making)
- Guy Wilson-Browne (Director - City Works and Assets)
- Fred Warner (Group Manager – People, Culture and Community)
- Mel Nikou (Governance Officer)

## 3. Declarations of conflict of interest (Councillors and staff)

Nil

## 4. Confidential business reports

Nil

## 5. Confirmation of minutes

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Jolly

**Seconded:** Councillor Searle

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21 March 2017 be confirmed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Nil

## 6. Petitions and joint letters

### 6.1 Petition - Hydrotherapy Pool in Richmond

Reference: D17/41243

A petition containing 35 signatures from residents of Richmond would like Council to consider a Hydrotherapy Pool at the Richmond Leisure Centre.

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Searle

**Seconded:** Councillor Chen Yi Mei

That the petition be received and referred to the appropriate officer for action.

**CARRIED**

### 6.2 Petition - McConchie Reserve Revamp with Half Basketball Court

Reference: D17/41460

A petition containing the names of 52 children would like Council to consider reinstating the original plan to include a half basketball court located at the back of McConchie Reserve.

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Chen Yi Mei

**Seconded:** Councillor Nguyen

That the petition be received and referred to the appropriate officer for action.

**CARRIED**

### 6.3 Petition - Support the Vietnamese Yellow Co Vang Flag

Reference: D17/43246

A petition containing approximately 3500 signatures and 700 of those signatures being from residents of Yarra. Petitioners are seeking that Council resolve to fly the Co Vang flag at the Richmond Town Hall on Vietnamese Veterans Day and that Council affirm a Council Flag Flying Policy which is inclusive and recognises the many different cultures and communities represented in Australia.

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Nguyen

**Seconded:** Councillor Chen Yi Mei

That the petition be received and referred to the appropriate officer for action.

**CARRIED**

6.4 Petition - 375 Bridge Road Development

Reference: D17/43245

A petition containing 505 signatures from residents are seeking Council to enforce current Council guidelines for a maximum 4 storey limit and to preserve the history and character of Richmond and its surrounds.

Public Submission

*Mr Graham Aldridge addressed Councillors on the matter.*

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Nguyen

**Seconded:** Councillor Searle

That the petition be received and referred to the appropriate officer for action.

**CARRIED**

## 7. Public question time

### 7.1 Mr Brian Joss - Public Housing Safety

Question:

When I spoke to Public Housing again about the issue of locks, they responded by giving us paperwork to put in an application to move, instead of solving the problem. We are still facing problems with people injecting themselves in the hallway and with drug use. Public Housing are saying they have no money for the situation.

I would like to know if Council can help with this situation or can provide an update?

Response:

*Cr Jolly – Are you saying that the day after you came to the Fitzroy Town Hall to a public Council Meeting and raised the concern that some of the walk-ups in Collingwood don't have locks and therefore a lot of the drug dealing is done there, that you were told by the Office of Housing not to lobby with Council and not to do what you did, and that you received a letter yesterday of a potential transfer? If this is true, it is not acceptable that people are terrorised for asking a question at a meeting.*

*Mr Joss agreed with the statement.*

*The Director Community Wellbeing advised that he did have a conversation with senior representatives at the Department of Housing after Mr Joss attended the previous Council meeting several weeks ago. DHS advised that they were aware of the issue and were open to seeking a solution. Some of the issues were residents putting rocks and other objects in the doors to keep the doors ajar. DHS are unable to ensure the doors are always closed securely as they are common access doors and difficult to prevent the doors being held open.*

*The Director also advised that he would arrange a site meeting with DHS and perform an inspection himself, and would provide feedback from the meeting to Councillors.*

*Cr Fristacky – we need to speak to the Minister about this, whether the Mayor will be able to do that and or ward Councillors with the Mayor, as it is a major concern and need to take a further step.*

*The Mayor agreed to speak to the Minister.*

### 7.2 Mr Michael Samootin - Gates or Lights on Laneway - Garfield Street

Question:

I live in Garfield Street, Garfield Street and Shelley Street has a corner laneway, it is a very dark laneway. Residents have had enough of the drug uses and the needles and condoms left behind in the laneway. We have called the Police, but unfortunately the drug uses leave the scene by the time the police get there. We pick up on average 20 to 25 needles a week in that particular laneway.

Can Council either provide gates at either entrance of the laneway or at least light up the whole area with sensor lights?

Can we also arrange a site meeting with officers within 2 weeks?

Response:

*The Director City Works and Assets advised that, Council's Lighting Engineer will be advised to look at the site and make an assessment of the lighting levels. Council does have an adopted standing lighting policy, what lighting may be required and what the cost may be, I cannot confirm, however we may be able to accommodate some lighting within the existing budget. It will need to be assessed first by the Lighting Engineer.*

*The Director also advised that depending on the availability of the Lighting Engineer a site meeting can be arranged.*

### 7.3 Ms Dorothy James - Rate Increase

**Question:**

I am concerned about where my rates are going, we have ever increasing rates, and I now have to pay if I wish to park in my own street. I have to pay if I wish to shop in my local shopping area and now my rates have gone up not 2.5% as was designated, but by 5% and now I find out that the Council has the intention of adding a bin tax. I would like to see some value for my rates. We don't seem to have much value for our rates and I have lived in this municipality for 36 years. I would like to understand how and what Council ought to be providing for the rate payers. Where are my rates going?

**Response:**

*The Director Corporate Business and Finance advised that the allocation of rates is highlighted in the budget report that is being tabled tonight and encourage you to make a submission on the draft budget. The majority of Council's rates/revenue does go towards a wide range of service provisions i.e. Child and Family Services, Aged Services, Parks and cleaning streets, as well as a budget of around \$30mil, and of that, \$180mil goes towards capital works, both renewals and also new.*

### 7.4 Mr Zev Landes - APA Gas Works on Bridge Road, Richmond

**Question:**

I live and work in Richmond and also run a small business on Bridge Road. Currently there are upgrade works taking place by APA Gas in Richmond under Permit No. UCN17/0046 issued to APA Gas on 2 March 2017. These works are currently impacting on my small business and I'm finding it very difficult to trade. It is now school holidays, so a very critical time of the year to make sure we are up and running. We are yet to receive written notice of the works even though we have requested them. We have had verbal communication between the sub-contractor George, but it has very poor and highly inaccurate.

What I would like to know is why a permit was issued and why the school holidays weren't taken into account? Why are works going on now?

When I contacted Council and spoke to officers on numerous occasions, why was I given inaccurate, contradictory and confusing information?

**Response:**

*The Director City Works and Assets advised that Council is also frustrated from time to time with the works, APA Gas works are occurring throughout the City of Yarra. It is now year 4 of the 4 year program, so there has been significant inconvenience*

*throughout the City of Yarra. APA are carrying out these works under the Federal Telecommunications Act so Council has minimal power with this respect, however the works do have consent from Council. We were advised by APA that the works were to commence two weeks ago, but didn't, so information you may have received from officers is the information that has been provided to them by APA Gas, so if they change their plans or provide incorrect information it is the best we can do. I can advise that Council officers haven't given any incorrect information other than perhaps pass on information that has been provided by APA that may or may not have been correct. Officers have inspected the works and they are compliant with the permit that was issued, however it will be communicated that works be completed as quickly as possible.*

*Cr Fristacky – I'm wondering if Council can raise with the various utilities the impacts works are causing on local businesses to try and minimise the repercussions i.e. such as the Melbourne Water sewer works that occurred in Carlton and North Fitzroy.*

#### 7.5 Mr Herschel Landes - Employee Increases

Question:

At the previous Council meeting I asked for an explanation on the 9% increase in employee costs over the 6 months ending December 2016 compared with same period the previous year, this increase amounted to \$3.3mil.

In June 2016-17 Council adopted a budget with an annual increase in employee costs of \$3.11mil, that is 4.2% and only after 6 months it appears that this budget amount was understated.

With annual inflation running at 1.5% and seasonally adjusted wage growth running 1.9%, my question remains unanswered as to why employee costs increased by 9%, double the budget?

I would also like to reference a survey from Legislative Council Standing Committee on Environment and Planning Consolidated request for information relevant to the inquiry into the Rate Capping Policy 22 July 2016 that asked if Council was able to give some examples of planned measures to reduce spending and /or contain costs in 2016-17 following the introduction of rate capping? The response was Council reducing employee expenses by \$500k across the board, which equals to 0.65 of 1% of employee costs.

Can Council confirm the survey and its response and explain to ratepayers why it isn't doing more to extract greater efficiencies and reduce the cost of doing business before seeking to go outside the intent of the rate cap and raising supplementary waste and environment charges?

Response:

*The Director Corporate Business and Finance took the question on notice.*

*The Chief Executive Officer advised in relation to the survey enquiry, around 8 Councils were asked to present their findings (the Director Corporate Business and Finance attended that meeting on my behalf) and we did advise that the efficiencies dividends of \$500k have been built into the 2017-18 Budget. This will start this year and will go on for about 10 years.*

## 7.6 Mr Andrew Leung - Development Restrictions

### Question:

In November 2016, Council resolved to seek height and other restrictions from the Planning Minister and to get his approval.

What steps can or will Council take to impose development restrictions with respect to height, bulk and preserving neighbourhood character?

What responsibility does Council take for the evolution of the streetscape in major avenues, specifically in Bridge Road?

### Response:

*The Mayor advised that part of the resolution from last November included taking a delegation of the residents groups who asked Council to put that position to the Minister. We did not resolve to change the planning scheme at the time, we can't, but we resolved to take these representations to the Minister, this was done last Friday with a group of residents, it was a constructive meeting. The request was about heights, setbacks, when in fact as you would appreciate our city's shopping strips are more nuance than that, they vary, and the desirable heights and setbacks, bulk etc. vary depending on location. The residents had a good understanding on the States responsibilities and the Councils responsibilities. Council can seek controls from the State Government, but it is up to the Minister to approve them. Council is doing a lot of work to justify height, bulk, mass etc., than the State Government has to approve it. Council is also doing a lot of work on our shopping strips to try and get these greater controls. In the next Yarra News there will be a lot of this information.*

*The Director Planning and Place Making advised that the officers are working on a built form analysis for some major parts in the city and work on the area north of Victoria Street down to half way between Bridge Road and Swan Street. This work is being done by a consultant and expect that study to be completed around spring. Officers will then need to bring that to Council and the intent in that is to formulate a Design and Development Overlay (DDO) that will be presented to Council with the suggestion that Council seek authorisation from the Minister for Planning to put that on exhibition. Also, just to reiterate, Council cannot just change the Yarra Planning Scheme, it has to have authorisation from the Minister.*

## 7.7 Mr Maurice Sheehan - Pelaco Development

### Question:

My question relates to the Pelaco site in Richmond currently under construction. Since 2002 and 2016 there was no communication from the City of Yarra and even after it was determined that the plans would be changed by Becon in terms of what was proposed, there was still no further advice to residents who are impacted by this and what is to occur.

Is there a requirement by Council to communicate further with the local community when developments such as this; one are delayed and two to engage and brief them in terms of what the Council sees as the direction that the new proposal is planning to go?

The City of Darebin have put a requirement on the planning department, that when developments are agreed to and take place, that officers will go and check to make sure that as the development goes on that in actual fact what has been agreed to is in fact what is happening. Is this a current requirement of the City of Yarra?

*Response:*

*The Director Planning and Place Making took the first question on notice.*

*The Director Planning and Place Making advised that Council do have obligations to enforce the Planning and Environment Act, that aspect is Planning Enforcement. We have two areas within Council; Compliance and Construction Management branch that deals with large applications and the larger developments normally have a condition requirement; a Construction Management Plan and it is a proactive service.*

7.8 Mr John Hayhoe - Conflict of Interest re Heritage Advisors

*Question:*

My questions relates to the response I received from Mr Phillips this afternoon. I am seeking clarification whether or not there was a conflict of interest from the expert. Mr Phillips advised that he didn't believe there was a conflict of interest because the expert had not advised the current owner. However, I believe it is incorrect as the current owner has been the owner since 1999 and in 2003 that particular expert did prepare a report on behalf of that current owner.

Whether there is a conflict of interest or not, I believe there is a perceived conflict of interest and in that respect needs to be taken into account.

I would like clarification if that conflict had been taken into account because of that 2003 report?

Can there be a mandatory requirement that an expert be required to do a site visit prior to preparing a report as it is obvious from the wording on that particular report that it was not undertaken prior to issuing the report?

*Response:*

*The Director Planning and Place Making advised that the information provided to Mr Hayhoe in an email today was correct, however would double check that information and liaise with Mr Gilbert as the Group Manager Governance. Council has some heritage advisors and they work under a contractual arrangement and the contract states, "The contractor must immediately make full disclosure in writing to the Council of the existing nature and extent of any actual or potential conflict of interest". That is certainly a fact and a requirement. With the information that was provided, I don't believe there was a conflict of interest or perceived conflict of interest.*

*In relation to the Queens Parade development, the matter is at appeal and there are many parts of that input and Council need to represent the Council position, and that Council position was to not be in favour of the proposal. The hearing has been deferred to September. I will refer Mr Hayhoe's question on the site visit to officers.*

*Cr Jolly – my question can be taken on notice but if Heritage Advisors are not doing any onsite visits on matters they are reporting on, can this be stopped as it wouldn't be very far for them travel given we are an inner city municipality.*

## 7.9 Ms Vivi Koutras - Public Housing Safety

### Question:

I live in the Government Housing estate in Collingwood. I, with many other people live in the walk-ups and we have a major security problem. As early as last Sunday, I walked out on the ground floor and saw men in an illegal activity and was verbally abused. These types of issues happen quite a lot. I have a ten year old and the lady upstairs has four children under the age of twelve. We have waited many years to put locks on the front doors. We come across a lot of illegal activity and live in constant danger. We have tried many times to ask the Department of Housing to put locks on these doors. We have been told that there has been money allocated and they haven't provided any locks.

We are wondering when the locks are going to be installed. Can Council please speak to the Department of Housing about this issue?

### Response:

*The Mayor advised that the Director Community Wellbeing will be meeting with the Department of Housing and will raise the concerns of the residents with the department.*

## 7.10 Mr Jiri Klements - Victoria Street Drug Issues

### Question:

Was the previous Mayor in favour of an injection station?

Is there some sort of drug committee?

### Response:

*The Mayor advised that the previous Mayor is no longer a Councillor with the City of Yarra but did advise that the State Government will make the decision if an injecting room/centre be placed in Richmond. Council has a view about the issue but it is the State Government's responsibility.*

*Cr Fristacky – in terms of a committee, there is a Yarra Drug and Health Forum and Council has unanimously resolved to support a supervised injecting facility and made representations to the State Government.*

## 8. General business

### 8.1 Cr Coleman - Establishment of a Finance Advisory Committee

#### **BACKGROUND**

In adopting the 2017/2018 draft budget and draft long term financial strategy for public consultation, Council is facing significant financial challenges that will require high levels of stewardship by Council. In doing so, it is proposed that a new City of Yarra Finance Advisory Committee, comprising interested Councillor representatives, and supported by key Finance Staff, be established by Council.

This Committee will differ from the Audit Committee in that the focus of the Committee's work will be to facilitate greater access, transparency and understanding by interested Councillors, in the monthly management accounts.

The desired outcome is that interested Councillors will have:

- (a) a greater understanding of the income and expenditure that constitutes the Annual Operating Budget;
- (b) a forum to gain insight into the financial management decisions at Yarra; and
- (c) a greater level of detail, access and understanding of the financials, than is currently possible through the Annual Budgeting and quarterly reporting process.

It is proposed that Officers develop a draft Terms of Reference for a new City of Yarra Finance Advisory Committee to be presented in a report for decision at the Council meeting on Tuesday 11 April 2017.

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Coleman

**Seconded:** Councillor Fristacky

1. That:
  - (a) Officers prepare a draft Terms of Reference for a Finance Advisory Committee comprising of the Mayor and at least one Councillor from each ward, and supported by key Finance Staff, to facilitate a greater insight of Council's budget and operations; and
  - (b) a report presenting the draft Terms of Reference be presented to the Council Meeting on 11 April 2017.

**CARRIED**

## **9. Delegates' reports**

Nil

## **10. Questions without notice**

### 10.1 Cr McEvoy - Parked Cars in No Standing Zones

Question:

Currently, when riding a bike down Brunswick Street's South-bound bike lane in the morning peak, one frequently encounters illegally parked cars and trucks in the no standing zones. What would be required for Council to implement and enforce a tow-away clearway zone on this important bicycle thoroughfare?

*Response:*

*The Director Corporate Business and Finance advised that we would need appropriate signage and the necessary authority to be able to tow-away. If the*

*vehicles are currently parked in a bike lane and causing an obstruction, there is the capacity for Council to act on that and we can certainly look at increasing enforcement in that particular area. If Councils are looking to make changes on that particular road, we can come back to Council with some advice and secondly if required, a report.*

## 10.2 Cr McEvoy - Generators

### Question:

I note two events in Yarra over the past week. Firstly the fire at Atherton Gardens Housing estate last Wednesday morning – where Council staff should be commended for their emergency management and response setting up Fitzroy Town Hall as a relief centre. Also, on Friday 31 March there was an Emergency generator test at Collingwood Town Hall. I note that “We recently purchased this large trailer-mounted generator to provide power in case of emergencies. The test is to ensure we can continue operations if we lose power at Collingwood Town Hall. The generator can fully power Collingwood Town Hall if mains power fails.” Similarly, staff should be commended on their proactive preparation for emergency situations. My questions are specifically about emergency power and the Collingwood Town Hall.

How did the test run go? How much power does our new generator make and how long can it run for? What would be required to take Collingwood Town Hall ‘off the grid’ run entirely on renewable energy and battery-stored power? Is Yarra city council's proposed adaptive assets program capable of delivering this outcome? And if Collingwood Town Hall was self-sufficient and run entirely on renewable energy, how much would Council save on its electricity bill each year?

### Response:

*The Director City Works and Assets advised to take the questions on notice but did advise that the test went well and a report will be provided on the Councillor E-Bulletin next week. The immediate power that is necessary is to supply electricity to a Town Hall, i.e. initial start-up power is not something we have the technology to do through solar power. The generator is required for all Town Halls and major Leisure centres in the event of a black out.*

## 11.1 Amendment C229 - Queens Parade

Trim Record Number: D17/39635  
Responsible Officer: Manager City Strategy

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### RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
  - (a) note that the Minister for Planning approved Amendment C229 for Queens Parade and that it was gazetted on 28 March 2017; and
  - (b) note that the gazetted Amendment C229 includes the following changes to the Design and Development Overlay submitted by Council:
    - (i) alteration of the building height for the rear laneway site known as Lot 1 on Title plan TP806921 from a mandatory maximum height of 2 storeys to a mandatory maximum height of 9 metres (3 storeys);
    - (ii) alteration of the building height for the strategic redevelopment site at 26-56 Queens Parade from a mandatory maximum height of 31 metres (10 storeys) to a mandatory maximum height of 25 metres (8 storeys); and
    - (iii) alteration of all setback controls from mandatory controls to discretionary controls.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Fristacky

**Seconded:** Councillor Jolly

1. That Council:
  - (a) note that the Minister for Planning approved Amendment C229 for Queens Parade and that it was gazetted on 28 March 2017;
  - (b) note that the gazetted Amendment C229 applies an interim period of two years and includes the following changes to the Design and Development Overlay submitted by Council:
    - (i) alteration of the building height for the rear laneway site known as Lot 1 on Title plan TP806921 from a mandatory maximum height of 2 storeys to a mandatory maximum height of 9 metres (3 storeys);
    - (ii) alteration of the building height for the strategic redevelopment site at 26-56 Queens Parade from a mandatory maximum height of 25 metres (8 storeys) to a mandatory maximum height of 31 metres (10 storeys); and
    - (iii) alteration of all setback controls from mandatory controls to discretionary controls; and
  - (c) note that the work to inform the preparation of a Planning Scheme Amendment to introduce a permanent Design and Development Overlay that includes the balance of Queens Parade is anticipated to be complete to enable Council to request authorisation from the Minister for Planning to exhibit the Planning Scheme Amendment in August/September 2017; and
  - (d) commend the work of Council's planning officers, urban design and heritage consultants and members of the North Fitzroy community who have worked quickly and effectively to **provide the basis for an interim DDO to be achieved.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**11.2 Proposed Council Plan 2017-21 (incorporating the Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan) for community consultation**

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Trim Record Number: D17/30724

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate, Business and Finance

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**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council adopt the Proposed Council Plan 2017-21 for community consultation.

**REVISED OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council:
  - (a) adopt the amended Proposed Council Plan 2017-21 for community consultation; and
  - (b) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to effect minor administrative and wording changes to the draft 2017-21 Council Plan and Strategic Resource Plan, which may be required.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Fristacky

**Seconded:** Councillor McEvoy

1. That Council:
  - (a) adopt the amended Proposed Council Plan 2017-21 for community consultation and include adding Strategic objective 6 is changed to, "Connectivity and travel options are environmentally sustainable, integrated and well-designed"; and
  - (b) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to effect minor administrative and wording changes to the draft 2017-21 Council Plan and Strategic Resource Plan, which may be required.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**11.3 Draft Budget 2017-18 and Draft Long Term Financial Strategy 2017-18 to 2026-27**


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Trim Record Number: D17/39192

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate, Business and Finance

[Help](#)**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council:
  - (a) proposes the introduction of a separate waste service charge in 2017-18 for the following bin size services:
    - (i) 80 litre bin service (residential) - \$165.00 per annum;
    - (ii) 120 litre bin service (residential) - \$247.50 per annum;
    - (iii) 240 litre bin service (residential) - \$800 per annum;
    - (iv) 80 litre bin service (commercial) - \$165.00 per annum + GST if applicable;
    - (v) 120 litre bin service (commercial) - \$247.50 per annum + GST if applicable;
    - (vi) 240 litre bin service (commercial) - \$800 per annum + GST if applicable;
  - (b) proposes a 50% rebate of the waste service charge for pensioners and health care card holders relevant to their bin size service for the first year only, and to be reviewed each year as part of the Budget process;
  - (c) adopt the Draft Budget 2017-18 as the budget prepared for the purpose of sections 126 and 127 (1) of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act);
  - (d) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:
    - (i) give public notice of the preparation of the Draft Budget, in accordance with sections 129(1) and 223 of the Act and Part 3 of the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014; and
    - (ii) make the Draft Budget, SRP, & LTFS available for public inspection in accordance with Section 129 of the Act;
  - (e) considers:
    - (i) any submissions received on the Draft Budget at the Special Council Meeting to be held Wednesday 17 May pursuant to Section 223 of the Act; and
  - (f) resolves to consider for adoption the Draft Budget, with or without modification, at the Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 6 June 2017.

Public Submission

*The following people addressed Council on the matter:*

*Ms Dorothy James;*

*Mr Herschel Landes; and*

*Mr Brad Marsh.*

**MOTION****Moved:** Councillor McEvoy**Seconded:** Councillor Searle

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- (c) adopt the Draft Budget 2017-18 as the budget prepared for the purpose of sections 126 and 127 (1) of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act);
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- (f) resolves to consider for adoption the Draft Budget, with or without modification, at the Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 6 June 2017.

**AMENDMENT**

**Moved:** Councillor Fristacky

- (c) adopt the Draft Budget 2017-18 as the budget prepared for the purpose of sections 126 and 127 (1) of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act), subject to the following modifications:

- (i) allocation to fund the following Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) projects but to include WSUD and place making perspective;

<u>LATM 1 Princes Hill construction</u>	<u>\$236,000</u>
<u>LATM 9 Rose Precinct construction</u>	<u>\$313,000</u>
<u>LATM 10 Gold Precinct construction</u>	<u>\$179,000</u>
<u>LATM 3 Scotchmer Precinct</u>	<u>\$ 10,000</u>
<u>LATM 13 Abbotsford Precinct - design</u>	<u>\$ 10,000</u>
<u>LATM 2 North Carlton - design</u>	<u>\$ 10,000</u>
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>\$758,000</u></b>

- (ii) allocation of \$10,000 for the Princes Hill community gardening project;
- (g) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to effect minor administrative and wording changes to the draft 2017-18 Budget and draft 2017-18 to 2026-27 Long Term Financial Strategy, which may be required.

*The mover and seconder accepted clause (g) however did not accept including clause (c).*

**AMENDMENT****Moved:** Councillor Fristacky

1. That Council:

- (a) proposes the introduction of a separate waste service charge in 2017-18 for the following bin size services:
- (a) 80 litre bin service (residential) - \$165.00 per annum;
  - (b) 120 litre bin service (residential) - \$247.50 per annum;
  - (c) 240 litre bin service (residential) - \$800 per annum;
  - (d) 80 litre bin service (commercial) - \$165.00 per annum + GST if applicable;
  - (e) 120 litre bin service (commercial) - \$247.50 per annum + GST if applicable;
  - (f) 240 litre bin service (commercial) - \$800 per annum + GST if applicable;
- (b) proposes a 50% rebate of the waste service charge for pensioners and health care card holders relevant to their bin size service for the first year only, and to be reviewed each year as part of the Budget process;
- (c) adopt the Draft Budget 2017-18 as the budget prepared for the purpose of sections 126 and 127 (1) of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act), subject to the following modifications:

- (iii) allocation to fund the following Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) projects but to include WSUD and place making perspective;

<u>LATM 1 Princes Hill construction</u>	<u>\$236,000</u>
<u>LATM 9 Rose Precinct construction</u>	<u>\$313,000</u>
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<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>\$758,000</u></b>

- (iv) allocation of \$10,000 for the Princes Hill community gardening project;
- (d) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:
- (i) give public notice of the preparation of the Draft Budget, in accordance with sections 129(1) and 223 of the Act and Part 3 of the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014; and
  - (ii) make the Draft Budget, SRP, & LTFS available for public inspection in accordance with Section 129 of the Act;
- (e) considers:
- (i) resolves to consider ~~any~~ submissions received on the Draft Budget at the Special Council Meeting to be held Wednesday 17 May pursuant to Section 223 of the Act; and
- (f) for adoption the Draft Budget, with or without modification, at the Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 6 June 2017; and
- (g) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to effect minor administrative and wording changes to the draft 2017-18 Budget and draft 2017-18 to 2026-27 Long Term Financial Strategy, which may be required.

*The motion lapsed for want of a seconder.***LAPSED**

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor McEvoy

**Seconded:** Councillor Searle

1. That Council:

- (h) proposes the introduction of a separate waste service charge in 2017-18 for the following bin size services:
  - (i) 80 litre bin service (residential) - \$165.00 per annum;
  - (ii) 120 litre bin service (residential) - \$247.50 per annum;
  - (iii) 240 litre bin service (residential) - \$800 per annum;
  - (iv) 80 litre bin service (commercial) - \$165.00 per annum + GST if applicable;
  - (v) 120 litre bin service (commercial) - \$247.50 per annum + GST if applicable;
  - (vi) 240 litre bin service (commercial) - \$800 per annum + GST if applicable;
- (i) proposes a 50% rebate of the waste service charge for pensioners and health care card holders relevant to their bin size service for the first year only, and to be reviewed each year as part of the Budget process;
- (j) adopt the Draft Budget 2017-18 as the budget prepared for the purpose of sections 126 and 127 (1) of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act);
- (k) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:
  - (i) give public notice of the preparation of the Draft Budget, in accordance with sections 129(1) and 223 of the Act and Part 3 of the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014; and
  - (ii) make the Draft Budget, SRP, & LTFS available for public inspection in accordance with Section 129 of the Act;
- (l) considers:
  - (i) any submissions received on the Draft Budget at the Special Council Meeting to be held Wednesday 17 May pursuant to Section 223 of the Act; and
- (m) resolves to consider for adoption the Draft Budget, with or without modification, at the Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 6 June 2017; and
- (n) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to effect minor administrative and wording changes to the draft 2017-18 Budget and draft 2017-18 to 2026-27 Long Term Financial Strategy, which may be required.

**CARRIED**

## CALL FOR A DIVISION

**For:** Councillors Coleman, Stone, Chen Yi Mei, McEvoy, Searle and Bosler

**Against:** Councillors Fristacky, Jolly and Nguyen

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## 11.4 Investing in Community Grants 2018-2020 Initiation Report.

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Trim Record Number: D17/32085

Responsible Officer: Community Partnerships Unit Manager

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### RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
  - (a) endorse the guidelines for the Investing in Community Grants 2018-2020; and
  - (b) approve the allocation of \$280,000 per year to Investing in Community Grants for three years (2018-2020), with a CPI increase for the second and third year, (subject to budget approval).

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Bosler

**Seconded:** Councillor McEvoy

1. That Council:
  - (a) request officers change the guidelines for the Investing in Community Grants 2018-2020 to insert a paragraph entitled 'Arts & Culture' between the paragraph entitled 'Collaborative Approaches' and the paragraph entitled 'Environmental Impact' and that the paragraph read;
    - (i) "Council encourages all applicants to consider ways to support their projects by collaborating with artists or arts organisations and/or incorporating community arts and cultural development methodologies into their approach.";
    - (ii) or similar as determined by officers;
  - (b) endorse the guidelines for the Investing in Community Grants 2018-2020 subject to the above; and
  - (c) approve the allocation of \$280,000 per year to Investing in Community Grants for three years (2018-2020), with a CPI increase for the second and third year, (subject to budget approval).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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## 11.5 Consideration and adoption of a Civic Flag Policy

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Trim Record Number: D17/17549

Responsible Officer: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

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### RECOMMENDATION

1. That:
  - (a) a funding proposal for the purchase, installation and ongoing maintenance of three permanent civic flagpoles in each of three locations be referred to the 2017/2018 budget process for consideration;
  - (b) Council revoke the Flying of Flags at Town Halls Policy and adopt the Civic Flags Policy attached in draft form as **Attachment 1**; and
  - (c) Council note that officers' ability to implement the Civic Flags Policy is conditional upon the approval and construction of the Civic Flagpoles early in 2017/2018.

### Public Submission

*Ms Claudia Nguyen addressed Council on the matter.*

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Nguyen

**Seconded:** Councillor Searle

1. That Council:
  - (a) note the Report and the several options outlined therein;
  - (b) note the further alternative location, to place a fourth flagpole at Richmond Town Hall (western side adjacent to the laneway between the former police station and Town Hall) and adjacent to the Collingwood Town Hall on the Hoddle Street frontage;
  - (c) determine to authorise the placement of a fourth flagpole at each Town Hall for the purpose of flying a community flag:
    - (i) by installing a fourth flagpole at each of the Fitzroy Town Halls as outlined in the report and Richmond Town Hall (alternative location) and the Collingwood Town Hall (alternative location);
    - (ii) note the estimated cost of such works is \$10,000; and
  - (d) now determine that approved community flags can be flown on the fourth flagpole at the Town Halls, in conjunction with the Australian, the Australian Aboriginal and the Torres Strait Islander flags; and
  - (e) revoke the Flying of Flags at Town Halls Policy and adopt the Civic Flags Policy attached in draft form as **Attachment 1**; subject to appropriate amendments being included in order to:
    - (i) accommodate the flying of approved community flags on the fourth flagpole at the Town Halls; and
    - (ii) provide for community consultation on the subject of considering applications received for approval to fly a "community flag."

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**11.6 Report on Assemblies of Councillors Held - October to February 2017**

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Trim Record Number: D17/26218

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council formally note and record the Assemblies of Councillors report as detailed in Attachment 1 hereto.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Jolly

**Seconded:** Councillor Bosler

1. That Council formally note and record the amended Assemblies of Councillors report as detailed in Attachment 1 hereto.

**CARRIED**

Councillor McEvoy abstained

**Conclusion**

The meeting concluded at 9.23pm.

Confirmed Tuesday 11 April 2017

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Mayor