



# Ordinary Meeting of Council Minutes

**held on Tuesday 6 May 2014 at 6.30pm  
at the Fitzroy Town Hall**

**\*Corrected by resolution of Council on Tuesday 20 May 2014**

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## 1. Statement of Recognition of Wurundjeri Land

*“Welcome to the City of Yarra. Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri community as the first owners of this country. Today, they are still the custodians of the cultural heritage of this land. Further to this, Council acknowledges there are other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have lived, worked and contributed to the cultural heritage of Yarra.”*

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

### Attendance

#### Councillors

- Cr Jackie Fristacky (Mayor)
- Cr Geoff Barbour
- Cr Roberto Colanzi
- Cr Misha Coleman
- Cr Sam Gaylard
- Cr Simon Huggins
- Cr Stephen Jolly
- Cr Amanda Stone
- Cr Phillip Vlahogiannis

#### Council officers

- Vijaya Vaidyanath (Chief Executive Officer)
- Jack Crawford (Director Corporate and Financial Services)
- Ivan Gilbert (Executive Manager Governance)
- Craig Kenny (Director Community Programs)
- Bruce Phillips (Director City Development)
- Guy Wilson-Browne (Director Infrastructure Services)
- 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 Vlahogiannis

That the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday 22 April; and the corrected minutes of the Ordinary Council Meetings held on Tuesday 8 April and Tuesday 29 April be confirmed.

**CARRIED**

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Nil

## 6. Petitions and joint letters

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### 6.1 Request for Review of Council's Consultation Process

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TRIM REF: D14/75558

A petition signed by 157 Melba Ward residents has been received requesting that Council review its consultation process.

The petitioners state that they were not appropriately consulted on the construction of speed humps in the area and that Council had illegally appointed representatives to speak on their behalf without their consent.

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Coleman

**Seconded:** Councillor Huggins

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

**CARRIED**

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### 6.2 Remove Speed Hump – James Street, Richmond

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TRIM REF: D14/75567

A petition signed by 157 residents of James Street Richmond and its surrounds, has been received requesting that Council remove the speed hump that has been installed in James Street Richmond.

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Coleman

**Seconded:** Councillor Huggins

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

**CARRIED**

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### 6.3 Name a Street in Honour of Jack Dyer

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A joint letter, initiated by Suzana Talevski has been received requesting that Council name a street in honour of Jack Dyer.

To date, 83 residents have supported the online petition / joint letter.

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Barbour

**Seconded:** Councillor Jolly

That the joint letter be received and referred to the appropriate Officer for action.

**CARRIED**

## 7. Public question time

Nil

## 8. General business

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### 8.1 Rate Increases

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#### Background

In the lead up to the state election, the alternate government, the ALP, has announced a seriously entertained policy position of forcing councils to maintain their rate increases at no higher than CPI.

Given the increases in council staff wages which are consistently above CPI, the ongoing cost shifting from state to local government with respect to services such as libraries, child care, aged care services, and the need to maintain and invest in infrastructure for future generations.

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Stone

**Seconded:** Councillor Fristacky

That a report be brought forward to a July Council meeting, outlining the impacts that such a restriction would have on the provision of services and infrastructure to Yarra's ratepayers.

**CARRIED**

#### **Councillor Vlahogiannis abstained**

#### Call for a division

**For:** Councillors Barbour, Colanzi, Coleman, Fristacky, Gaylard, Huggins, Jolly and Stone

**Against:** Nil

**Abstained:** Councillor Vlahogiannis

## 9. Delegates' reports

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### 9.1 MAV Meetings

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Trim Reference: D14/77496

Councillor Roberto Colanzi, as Council's delegate to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) reported the following:

#### **MAV Defined Benefit Taskforce**

On 5 May, he attended the above, which was organised to provide an update on MAV's activities concerning the defined benefit issue.

Topics covered included:

- (a) an update and review of the Taskforce's advocacy and recommendation implementation;
- (b) a report on the performance of Vision Super, by the CEO;
- (c) debt procurement and proposed Local government Funding Vehicle (LGFV); and
- (d) WorkCover mutual self-insurance update.

#### **MAV Metro Forum**

On 10 April, Mayor Cr Fristacky, CEO Ms Vaidyanath and Cr Colanzi attended the MAV Metro Forum. Issues raised and discussed included, but were not limited to:

- (a) Local Government Performance. Reporting Framework;
- (b) Plan Melbourne;
- (c) Local government child care provision;
- (d) [Victorian State-Local Government Agreement](#);
- (e) debt procurement and proposed Local government funding vehicle (LGFV);
- (f) legislative changes including the *Local Government Amendment (Governance and Conduct) Bill 2014*;
- (g) WorkCover; and
- (h) Waste management.

#### **MAV 2014 Environment Conference**

On 30 April and 1 May, Mayor Cr Fristacky, Cr Stone and Cr Colanzi attended the MAV Environment Conference.

Speakers over the two days included, but were not limited to:

- (a) The Hon. Greg Hunt, Federal Minister for the Environment;
- (b) The Hon. Ryan Smith, State Minister for Environment and Climate Change;
- (c) The Hon. Lisa Neville, State Shadow Minister for Environment and Climate Change;

- (d) Tim Flannery, Co-Founder and Councillor of the Climate Council;
- (e) John Thwaites, Chair of ClimateWorks Australia and the Monash Sustainability Institute;
- (f) Clement Michel, Chief Executive Officer, Yarra Trams;
- (g) Karl Braganza, Bureau of Meteorology;
- (h) Scott Bocskay, Chief Executive Officer, Sustainable Melbourne Fund;
- (i) Stan Krpan, Chief Executive Officer, Sustainability Victoria; and
- (j) Sam Burke, Department of Treasury and Finance.

Significant topics and issues addressed included: climate change mitigation and adaptation, impacts on the built environment, water and waste management, sustainable transport solutions, environmental upgrade agreements, and vehicle fleet management.

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Colanzi

**Seconded:** Councillor Stone

That the delegate's report be accepted.

**CARRIED**

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## **9.2 MAV Environment Conference**

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Trim Reference: D14/77524

Councillor Stone reported the following:

### **MAV Environment Conference**

This two day conference featured a number of workshops including "The Right to Light". A presentation from John Rantino, planning lawyer at Maddocks, highlighted the difficulty in protecting the right to natural light in both new developments, and existing residences when affected by new developments.

The only law internationally which exists to protect this right is based on an 800 year old English law of Ancient Lights and is a form of easement. Under this provision, the owner of a building with windows that have received natural daylight for 20 years or more is entitled to forbid any construction or other obstruction that would deprive him or her of that illumination. Neighbours cannot build anything that would block the light without permission. This right is likely to be removed in due course as it is prohibiting the construction of a number of large developments in London.

In Victoria, the right to light is seen in planning terms as an amenity issue, which does not address the need for sunlight for solar panels, for gardens, and for that "darker" period of the year between the equinox. The current provisions also do not prevent new apartments being constructed with habitable rooms which rely on "borrowed light". The workshop highlighted the need to review these provisions but that would require change to the state planning provisions, and a legal definition of the right to light.



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### 9.3 Active Ageing Advisory Committee

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Trim Reference: D14/77524

Councillor Stone, as Council's delegate to the Active Ageing Advisory Committee (AAAC) reported the following:

The committee has been focused on the development of a Seniors Ambassadors Programme, to improve communication with and connection between older citizens, council and local services. This was a key outcome of the recent consultation on the new Positive Ageing Action Plan.

A number of models have been examined, including the well-established ambassadors programme at Monash.

An Expression of Interest process has recently been completed for new members of the AAAC, with the intent to broaden its representation. It's hoped that this will include a representative of the newly formed Chinese U3A.

Committee members recently attended the Victorian Council of the Ageing Conference, with guest speaker Grace Chan, Asia/Pacific Regional Vice President, International Federation on Ageing, and Chief Officer of the Hong Kong Council of Social Service. Ms Chan spoke of the positive impact that developing an age-friendly city in Hong Kong has had in encouraging older people to speak up. She also conducted one of the conference workshops in Chinese, and it was good to see a number of Yarra's Chinese-speaking residents at the conference to take part.

The conference also featured a workshop on housing for ageing residents, run by Green Sages, a group of older Victorians who are concerned about climate change and the environmental legacy which is being left to future generations. The workshop focused on co-housing models for multi-age, sustainable and positive community living. The Christie Walk development in Adelaide was a case study which generated enormous interest at the conference, as an affordable and supportive form of housing for the future. See:

<http://www.urbanecology.org.au/>

(Westwyck in Melbourne is another example of this model of cohousing

<http://www.westwyck.com/>)

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Stone

**Seconded:** Councillor Barbour

That both delegate's report be accepted.

**CARRIED**

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## 9.4 Public Transport Advocacy Committee (PTAC)

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Councillor Gaylard, as Council's delegate to the Public Transport Advocacy Committee (PTAC) reported the following:

PTAC has been meeting each month since the beginning of the year (with the exception to April).

There has been strong uptake of the corflute campaign signs, which can be seen in Yarra and other municipalities. Wider community activities are continuing. On a formal basis, there has been strong interest and attendance at the Comprehensive Impact Statement (CIS) panel hearing. The community group also continues to engage with similar committees in other municipalities, and support and encourage them in their activities.

Local events such as the peaceful Friday morning protests continue with a dedicated group of regulars that attract good support from passing motorists. However, it has been identified by the community group that the energy from last year's activities has largely dissipated, and in the build up to the 2014 election, there is an opportunity to re-engage with Yarra residents.

The community committee members would like to see a reboot of local engagement activities particularly aimed at drivers using the freeway. Relaunch ideas have been discussed with officers. Proposed potential events are intended to be simple, fun and peaceful.

Moving messages – each participant would have a letter of a slogan visible to motorists. Lines of participants could walk up and down the freeway, perhaps changing the messages. The bridge over Hoddle or/and the foot bridge over the freeway would become the stage for pop-up messages to drivers (both going to the city and home in the evening) or at traffic lights. Messages could move or mix up letters to form new slogans.

Street theatre activities centred around a model train replicating the train on our posters; the train can be carried, with additional carriages, emulating the Chinese Dragon type street theatre, which has great impact. Train whistles could add to the impact. It can be a stationary symbol placed in strategic positions or a moving entity to draw attention to the Doncaster Rail proposal.

As a media combined protest event, Yarra Council, in conjunction with other cities, should launch the opening of the railway with accompanying fanfare for publicity.

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Gaylard

**Seconded:** Councillor Stone

That the delegate's report be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**Councillor Vlahogiannis abstained**

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## 9.5 Visit to Kyoto, Japan

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The Mayor reported on a recent rail development study tour to Japan and Hong Kong, from 15 to 30 March, 2014 (self-funded).

The Mayor of Kyoto symbolised the Kyoto protocol and many policies discussed in planning and transport. The Kyoto planning policy integrated with transport for the municipality was exemplary. Highlighted is the Kyoto Mayor's comments; that they had followed the American path for cities with 30 years of congestion, realised that folly, so were doing everything possible to ensure car use was reduced and sustainable modes were supported, namely cycling, walking and public transport. Kyoto having narrow streets managed to achieve two cycle lanes, two pedestrian paths, bike parking and a car lane, demonstrating how effectively a city could provide for alternate means of transport.

'The Northsider' (issue 10) also has an article covering the visit to Japan, and in particular, meeting with the City of Kyoto Mayor.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Fristacky

**Seconded:** Councillor Gaylard

That the delegate's report be accepted.

**CARRIED**

## 10. Questions without notice

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### 10.1 Councillor Jolly - Lack of Footpath Space on Wertheim Street

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Question

In relation to the Lend Lease 'Studio Nine' development at the former channel 9 site, can officers check that the townhouses built on the northern boundary on Wertheim Street comply with the endorsed plans?

Did officers approve a reduction to the width of the Wertheim Street footpath which is now not accessible for a wheelchair or pram?

*Response*

*The Director City Development advised:*

- (a) *officers have advised that the construction of the townhouses complies with the endorsed plans;*
- (b) *there is a slight nib in the set back in the dwellings in Wertheim Street but he was certainly aware that from the photo Cr Jolly provided, there is insufficient gap between the building alignment and the lamp post for a wheelchair to get through; and*
- (c) *further advice will be provided to Councillors.*

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## 11.1 Draft Parking Permit Scheme

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Trim Record Number: D14/70267

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate and Financial Services

### RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
  - (a) formally endorses the revised Parking Permit Scheme, as drafted by Council Officers (Attachment 1); and
  - (b) notes that, by so doing, it reinforces the December 2003 ruling, without amendment.

### Public Submissions

*The following people addressed Council regarding this matter:*

*Mr Jimmy Lafkiotis; and*

*Mr Herschel Landes - Bridge Road Traders' Association.*

### REVISED OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
  - (a) formally endorses the revised Parking Permit Scheme (Attachment 1) with the following revision:
    - (i) clause 1.5 – add the words “Pro Rata” to the end of the sentence; and
    - (ii) clause 5.2 – remove the words “next to registration label”; and
  - (b) notes that, by so doing, it reinforces the December 2003 ruling.

## ALTERNATE MOTION

**Moved:** Councillor Barbour

**Seconded:** Councillor Stone

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  - (c) include the further following amendments:
    - (i) the permit fees proposed in paragraphs 8.6, 9.6, 14.3 and 16.4 to be amended to reflect the permit fees detailed in the draft 2014/2015 budget fees and charges;
    - (ii) the wording in paragraph 8.7 (in relation to the permit fee) to be amended to reflect the permit fee detailed in the draft 2014/2015 budget fees and charges;
    - (iii) the wording in Paragraph 14 to be changed from ‘Doctors Permit’ to ‘Medical Practitioner’ Permit; and
    - (iv) the wording in paragraph 17.3 be amended to include the wording “and or entities registered as holding Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status (or similar)”.
2. That officers report back to Council by September 2014 on:
  - (a) measures which, while maintaining the 10 December 2003 rule, might offer limited access to a permit without increasing the total of issued permits; and
  - (b) how Council can most effectively defend planning decisions requiring some visitor parking in new developments where on-street parking is at saturation levels.
3. That discussion be held with operators of venues in the sports and entertainment precinct (the MCC, Melbourne Park, AAMI Park), the AFL and other stakeholders with a view to:
  - (a) discouraging patrons from negatively impacting the amenity of residents by parking in disabled spaces, permit only zones, or beyond the designated parking restrictions; and
  - (b) encouraging and providing incentives for event patrons to use public transport or other sustainable modes of transport in preference to private vehicles by including public transport as part of event ticketing as has occurred with the Commonwealth Games and the Melbourne Grand Prix.

## AMENDMENT

**Moved:** Councillor Vlahogiannis

**Seconded:** Councillor Huggins

1. (d) amend the 10 December 2003 Ruling so that where a resident demolishes an existing single dwelling (which is entitled to resident and visitor parking permits) and constructs a total of no more than three new residential dwellings in place of the existing single dwelling, one of the new residential dwellings will be entitled to two parking permits (either two vehicle-specific permits or one vehicle-specific permit and one visitor permit) for as long as the resident resides in that new dwelling. Except to the extent allowed elsewhere under the Parking Permit Scheme, the other new residential dwellings will not be entitled to any residential or visitor parking permits.

*Councillor Barbour as the mover to the motion did not accept the amendment*

## MOTION

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**LOST**

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION (PROCEDURAL)

**Moved:** Councillor Huggins

**Seconded:** Councillor Barbour

That Council adjourn the meeting for 5 minutes to discuss the item.

**CARRIED**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Barbour

**Seconded:** Councillor Vlahogiannis

That the business item 11.1 Draft Parking Permit Scheme be deferred to a later meeting date for further consideration.

**CARRIED**

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**11.2 2013-14 Annual Plan Quarterly Progress Report - March 2014**

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Trim Record Number: D14/74431

Responsible Officer: Coordinator Community Development

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council note the report.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Huggins

**Seconded:** Councillor Barbour

1. That Council note the report.

**CARRIED**



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**12.1 Notice of Motion No 4 of 2014 - Council to Sign Public Transport User Association Open Letter – Councillor Stephen Jolly**

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Trim Record Number: D14/75172

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

I, Councillor Stephen Jolly, hereby give notice that it is my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 6 May 2014:

That:

1. Council request the Mayor to sign the Public Transport Users' Association (PTUA) Open Letter (*refer Attachment 1*) to The Premier of Victoria, seeking that priority be given to investment in:
  - (a) public transport;
  - (b) cycling and walking infrastructure;
  - (c) level crossing removal; and
  - (d) improved and adequate maintenance of existing roads;ahead of investment in the East---West toll road;
2. Council contribute \$\_\_\_\_\_ towards the cost of publication of the Public Transport Users' Association Open Letter to The Premier in the Herald Sun newspaper; and
3. Council advise State and Federal Members of Parliament and Dr Tony Morton, President of the PTUA of the above decisions.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Jolly

**Seconded:** Councillor Barbour

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  - (a) public transport;
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  - (c) level crossing removal; and
  - (d) improved and adequate maintenance of existing roads;ahead of investment in the East---West toll road;
2. Council contribute \$5,000 towards the cost of publication of the Public Transport Users' Association Open Letter to The Premier in the Herald Sun newspaper; and
3. Council advise State and Federal Members of Parliament and Dr Tony Morton, President of the PTUA of the above decisions.

**CARRIED**

**Councillor Vlahogiannis abstained**

## Attachment 1 – An Open Letter to the Premier

### An Open Letter to the Premier

Dear Premier Napthine,

Victoria needs great transport networks to complete and grow. Every Victorian deserves great transport.

**Since the 1950s we've built lots of new roads, but not much public transport.** We've added the City Loop, a few line extensions and upgrades, some bus routes, and now we're adding Regional Rail Link.

In 1950 Victoria's population was 2.2 million, 1.3 million of them in Melbourne. Now Victoria has 5 million, 4 million in Melbourne.

**In the 1950s there were 108 suburban train arrivals at Flinders St Station in the busiest hour. Today there are 114 arrivals, or 5% more trains,** despite many more passengers, and many others who'd use a train if they had one. That's why our trains are packed.

**Victoria's rail network is virtually falling apart after half a century of neglect.** Lines are constantly suspended because of ailed equipment. This must be urgently fixed, to help both public transport users and motorists. One train can take 800 cars off the roads, freeing up road space for those who really do need to drive, like tradies, truckies and families with carloads of kids and shopping.

There are no trains or trams in two-thirds of Melbourne. Just buses every 40 or 50 minutes, and nothing after 7 pm or on Sundays. Outside Melbourne, it's hard to survive without a car. This is unfair.

**It's time to squeeze more service out of our existing public transport, and expand it to match rapid population growth.**

**We believe this is a much more urgent priority than the East-West Link toll road.**

- We need modern, **high-capacity train signalling**, so we can run up to 50% more trains on the current network.
- We need **new railway lines** to the Airport, Monash-Rowville, Doncaster, Clyde and Mernda, and track upgrades elsewhere.
- We need **bus, tram and train services to connect**, and buses to run in the evening and on weekends.
- We need more comfortable, efficient **new trains, trams and buses, and new and upgraded stations.**
- We need to get **rid of the most clogged and dangerous level crossings.**
- We need to **get cracking on Melbourne Metro**, so we're ready for the billion public transport trips expected in 2031.

**The East West toll road is diverting attention from these priorities, as well as proper maintenance of existing roads, new roads in growth areas, and making walking and cycling safer and more enjoyable.** Inner Melbourne is already rich in transport resources.

All our city freeways were meant to fix congestion but one by one they've filled up with traffic and slowed to a crawl. How long before we realise this approach isn't working? **We'll only fix congestion with great alternatives to driving for all Victorians.**

With manufacturing in decline, Victoria urgently needs new jobs. **Public transport projects create about twice as much employment as highway projects.** These are high-quality jobs that will be the cornerstone of our transforming economy. **Public transport is also better for our environment and health. Polls all show the public would rather have great public transport than another motorway.**

Your government was elected promising to fix public transport. Please honour this promise, and start funding a fair transport system for all Victorians that gets the state moving. Yes it is "all about better public transport and better roads". **Let's have more train, tram and bus services first, fix the roads we've got, and boost walking and cycling before we spend billions on another toll road.**

Yours sincerely,

Dr Tony Morton, PTUA President

Mayor Jackie Fristacky, City of Yarra

**Conclusion**

The meeting concluded at 9.10 pm.

Confirmed Tuesday 20 May 2014

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Mayor