



Special Meeting of Council Minutes

**held on Monday 2 June 2014 at 6.30 pm
at the Richmond Town Hall**

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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 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)
- Jane Waldock (Acting Director City Development)
- Guy Wilson-Browne (Director Infrastructure Services)
- Mel Nikou (Governance Officer)

Apology

Councillor Stephen Jolly

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

Nil

4. Council business reports

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4.1 Presentation of Budget Submissions to the Draft 2014/15 Budget

Trim Record Number: D14/85673

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate and Financial Services

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) receives and hears submissions on the proposed budget 2014/15 in accordance with Section 223 of the *Local Government Act* 1989;
 - (b) resolves that submissions received regarding the proposed budget 2014/15 be acknowledged, in writing, in accordance with section 223(1) (d) (ii) of the Act;
 - (c) considers making amendments to the draft budget based on the feedback received; and
 - (d) notes that proposed amendments and matters arising from the submissions process will be referred for consideration and decision by Council on Tuesday 10 June 2014 in accordance with the Act.

Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council regarding this matter:

1. Ms Maggie Maguire – Abbotsford Convent Foundation;
2. Ms Carole Wilkinson – Yarra Climate Action Now (YCAN);
3. Ms Sue Jackson;
4. Ms Glenda Lindsay;
5. Ms Kate Dundas;
6. Mr Dennis Troedel;
7. Ms Amanda Oliver;
8. Ms Tiffany Alp;
9. Dr Ruth Shrensky – Communications Research Institute;
10. Mr Adam Stead;
11. Ms Karen Elkington – Major (Salvation Army – Asylum Seekers Support Service);
12. Mr Tony Brewin – Leading Senior Constable – Yarra Youth Resource Officer – Fitzroy Police;
13. Mr Methat Awwad – Public Housing;
14. Mr Harry Barber – ICLEI – Director; and
15. Mr David Brant – Disability Advisory Committee.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Colanzi

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CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (PROCEDURAL)

Moved: Councillor Vlahogiannis

Seconded: Councillor Fristacky

That Council suspend standing orders for a 5 minute break.

CARRIED

4.2 Draft Parking Permit Scheme

Trim Record Number: D14/82849

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate and Financial Services

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;
 - (ii) clause 5.2 – remove the words “next to registration label”; and
 - (b) notes that, by so doing, it reinforces the December 2003 ruling.

MOTION

Moved: Councillor Colanzi

Seconded: Councillor Vlahogiannis

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 - (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”;
 - (b) notes that, by so doing, it reinforces the December 2003 ruling that new developments are not entitled to any on-street parking permits;
 - (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.
4. That Council officers undertake a formal half-year budget review and report back to Council no later than the first meeting of February 2015 on the state of Council's actual financial performance against the operational and capital budgets for 2014/15. The review to include:
- (a) an assessment of major revenue and expenditure lines, particularly focussing on the achievability of 2014/15 parking revenue targets, given a range of external factors imposed upon Council, such as the Victoria Parade bus lanes and Route 96 tram works, and any other impacts on such revenue;
 - (b) a statement on whether, as a consequence of any deficiency in parking revenue, and after considering the net effect of other revenues and expenditures, that Council's 2014/15 budget is unlikely to be achieved; and
 - (c) recommendations on how any such deficit may be recouped by reductions in operating and/or capital expenditure items.

AMENDMENT

Councillor Vlahogiannis then sought to include the following wording into the motion.

1. That Council:
 - (b) notes that, subject to paragraphs 2 and 5, by so doing, it reinforces the December 2003 ruling that new developments are not entitled to any on-street parking permits;
2. That officers report back to Council by September 2014 on:
 - (c) the merits of amending the 10 December 2003 Ruling so that where a resident demolishes an existing dwelling (that 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 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.

The additional wording was acceptable to the mover.

The Mayor put the motion.

The vote was equal and the Mayor exercised her casting vote to vote against the motion.

LOST

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Gaylard

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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 Council thank submitters for their submissions.

The vote was equal and the Mayor exercised her casting vote to vote in favour of the motion.

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Coleman, Fristacky, Gaylard and Stone

Against: Councillors Barbour, Colanzi, Huggins and Vlahogiannis

The Mayor exercised her casting vote to vote for the motion.

CARRIED

4.3 2014 General Valuation Return

Trim Record Number: D14/83054
Responsible Officer: Manager Finance

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and adopt the return of the General Valuation effective from 30 June 2014 for Rating Purposes.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Barbour **Seconded:** Councillor Stone

That Council receive and adopt the return of the General Valuation effective from 30 June 2014 for Rating Purposes.

CARRIED

Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 9:22 pm.

Confirmed Tuesday 24 June 2014

Mayor