



# **Special Meeting of Council Minutes**

**held on Tuesday 10 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 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)
- Jane Waldock (Acting Director City Development)
- Guy Wilson-Browne (Director Infrastructure Services)
- Mel Nikou (Governance Officer)

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

Nil

#### **4. Council business reports**

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## 4.1 2014/15 Budget Adoption

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Trim Record Number: D14/89147

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate and Financial Services

### RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
  - (a) having received and considered all submissions under Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act), Council resolves to incorporate the following amendment to the 2014/15 Proposed Budget:
    - (i) Urban Agriculture Facilitator role and material resources - \$100,000;
  - (b) adopts the amended 2014/15 Proposed Budget as the final Adopted Annual Budget of Council for the 2014/15 financial year;
  - (c) makes copies of the 2014/15 Adopted Budget available at Council offices, libraries and on the Council website;
  - (d) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to give public notice of the decision to adopt the Annual Budget and submit a copy to the Minister for Local Government, in accordance with Section 130 of the Act;
  - (e) notifies in writing the persons who have made a submission regarding the 2014/15 Proposed Budget and of Council's decision, in accordance with Section 223 of the Act, which will include a detailed response to the issues raised in the submission;
  - (f) declares an amount of \$89,218,605 (or such greater amount as is lawfully levied as a consequence of this resolution) as the amount which Council intends to raise by General Rates, which is calculated as follows:
 

(i) General Rates	\$89,218,605
(ii) Special Rates Schemes	\$158,137
(iii) Interest and other income	\$2,081,818
(iv) Total Rates and Charges	\$91,458,560
  - (g) advises in respect to General Rates:
    - (i) a general rate be declared in respect of and for the entire duration of the 2014/15 financial year;
    - (ii) it further be declared that the general rate be raised by application of a uniform rate;
    - (iii) a percentage of 0.04423 be specified as the percentage of the uniform rate which may be alternatively expressed as 0.04423 cents in the NAV dollar;
    - (iv) it be confirmed that no amount is fixed as the minimum amount payable by way of general rate in respect of each rateable property within the municipality;
    - (v) the Council funded Pensioner Rate Rebate be declared at \$160.00 for 2014/15;
  - (h) declares no Municipal or Annual Service Charge in respect of the 2014/15 financial year; and
  - (i) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to effect minor administrative and wording changes to the 2014/15 Annual Budget document, which may be required.

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Stone

**Seconded:** Councillor Gaylard

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    - (i) Urban Agriculture Facilitator role and material resources - \$100,000;
    - (ii) Middle Year Strategy Funding of \$25,000 for Phase 3 of the Communities that Care Programme;
    - (iii) include the Garage Sale Trail and support for the Friends of Public Housing Campaign within existing resources;
    - (iv) defer the final design/development of Rushall Reserve Bicycle path pending detailed consultation with community members and affected stakeholder groups; and
    - (v) the submission from Abbotsford Convent seeking funding assistance be referred to the mid-term budget review for consideration;
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**CALL FOR A DIVISION**

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

**Against:** Councillors Barbour, Jolly and Vlahogiannis

**CARRIED**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Jolly

**Seconded:** Councillor Stone

That Council accept an item for Urgent Business.

**CARRIED**

## 5. Urgent Business

### 5.1 Asylum Seekers Forum

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Coleman

**Seconded:** Councillor Fristacky

That the City of Yarra endorse in principle the joint statement of the Victorian Local Government on Asylum Seekers, as circulated by the Mayor of City of Darebin, in advance of 19 June 2014 forum on Asylum Seekers at Darebin.

**CARRIED**

**Conclusion**

The meeting concluded at 7:27 pm

Confirmed Tuesday 24 June 2014

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Mayor