



Ordinary Meeting of Council Minutes

**held on Tuesday 12 November 2019 at 7.02pm
Richmond Town Hall**

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1. Statement of Recognition of Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Land

“Welcome to the City of Yarra.”

“Yarra City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung 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 Danae Bosler (Mayor)
- Cr Misha Coleman (Deputy Mayor)
- Cr Mi-Lin Chen Yi Mei
- Cr Jackie Fristacky
- Cr Stephen Jolly
- Cr Daniel Nguyen
- Cr Bridgid O’Brien
- Cr Amanda Stone

Council officers

- Vijaya Vaidyanath (Chief Executive Officer)
- Ivan Gilbert (Group Manager Chief Executive’s Office)
- Lucas Gosling (Director Community Wellbeing)
- Gracie Karabinis (Group Manager People, Culture and Community)
- Chris Leivers (Director City Works and Assets)
- Diarmuid McAlary (Director Corporate, Business and Finance)
- Bruce Phillips (Director Planning and Place Making)
- Mel Nikou (Governance Officer)

Leave of absence

- Cr James Searle

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

Nil

4. Confidential business reports

Nil

Following consideration of Confidential business, the meeting resumed in open session.

5. Confirmation of minutes

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Chen Yi Mei

Seconded: Councillor Bosler

That the amended minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 22 October 2019 be confirmed.

CARRIED

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Fristacky, Jolly, Stone, Chen Yi Mei and Bosler

Against: Nil

Abstained: Councillors Coleman and O'Brien

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6. Petitions and joint letters

6.1 Petition for more native trees and bushes in the City of Yarra

Reference: D19/208287

A petition containing 241 signatures from Yarra residents and children of Carlton North Primary School are requesting that Council consider planting more native trees and bushes in the surrounding streets to create habitat for animals.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Bosler

Seconded: Councillor Fristacky

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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7.1 Herschel Landes - North Richmond Community Health

Question:

In relation to the recent resignation of Demos Krouskos, who was the Chief Executive Officer of the North Richmond Community Health Centre since 1991 and as Council would be aware created a world class facility providing public health services, dental care and recently Melbourne's first injecting facility, that was desperately needed to provide life-saving care in an area of extensive drug related deaths. Demos is deeply embedded in the community and well loved and respected and is devoted to the health issues affecting his community and health equality, human rights and health of indigenous Australians.

Can Council find an appropriate way to thank Demos Krouskos on behalf of the community?

Response:

The Mayor advised that Councillors had discussed the issue and noted the significant contribution that Demos made to the City of Yarra and Councillors will discuss together an appropriate way to mark that contribution.

7.2 Barbara Hubi - LAMP3 Proposed Changes

Question:

Given that the GTA report of 8 October 2019 to Council, covers the areas bounded by Holden Street, St Georges Road, Alexandra Parade and Rae Street, how will the impact on residents in Taylor Street, Clauscen Street, Barkly Street, King Street and Rae Street be measured if the median trial in Holden Street and Miller Street go ahead, given that Miller Street is not a DOT road?

Concerns in the detail of the GTA report, which quotes matrix data collected 25 May 2019 for King Street, North Fitzroy between Miller and Clauscen Street. Given that King Street doesn't run between Miller and Clauscen Street, where was this data actually collected?

Response:

The Director City Works and Assets took the questions on notice.

7.3 Trevor Jenkins, North Fitzroy Traffic Group - LAPM3 Process

Question:

I would like to know when the detailed report on the proposed median trials in Holden and Miller Streets that's required by the Department of Transport that Council officers are required to prepare will be shared with residents, as noted by Dennis Cheng's

letter to residents on 22 October 2019?

Is Council aware of the works which are going to take place during December in Nicholson Street for Tramways works and that it be taken into account when the trials are being timed?

Response:

The Director City Works and Assets took the questions on notice.

7.4 Heather McDonald - LAPM3 Consultation

Question:

I would like to draw Council's attention to the recent Fitzroy North Local Area Placemaking Update, dated 22 October 2019.

This communication outlines the timeline and process for the proposed Holden and Miller Streets median island trials, commencing with the provision of a detailed report to DoT, which will also be shared with Yarra community and Moreland City Council.

DoT will provide feedback on the proposal and the community will be informed. In early 2020, Councillors will review a further report on the proposed trials, together with feedback from DoT, results of the right-turn ban trial and any further submissions from the community.

Following the decision that was made at the Council meeting on March 5, re trials of median islands, residents impacted by the decision communicated with Councillors.

I would like to now draw your attention to sections of the responses from both Councillor Fristacky and Dennis Cheng to people, referring to the statutory conditions required as part of the VicRoads (now DoT) approval process.

Community consultation is required as part of the condition of approval by VicRoads. In the case of the Holden Street centre median proposal, because this was a resolution decision made during the Council Meeting on 5 March 2019, it has not been formally consulted with the wider community. As a result further consultation will be necessary to inform the community of the potential impact of this proposal.

This involves further processes involving additional analysis, public consultation, a report to VicRoads, then Council considering that VicRoads report and all of the above at a public meeting with further submission input and only then decide what to do.

Given these promises, and statutory obligations for further community consultation, there is a glaring omission in the process communicated in the October 22 communication to residents.

Why is there no mention in the October communication of the community consultations promised in the responses to residents post the decisions of the March 5 meeting?

If these consultations are going to take place, when will they occur and what format will the consultation take?

Response:

The Director City Works and Assets took the questions on notice.

7.5 Manuel Tsirmiris - Parking Restrictions on Queens Parade

Question:

Apparently in 2014 the parking restrictions on Queens Parade on the southern side of the retail strip were changed with 2 hour parking, which was not able to be used.

With no notification, neither myself, the bank downstairs, the previous Mayor Jenny Farrar, who is the chair of the bank, the manager of the bank and all the business on the parade, no one has been consulted or notified that the laws were changed in 2014. The only way we found out was when I was recently fined. I went around and asked everyone, no-one has been notified and today they were out and about. I have been liaising with the Mayor and I have also written to Mr Ivan Gilbert, as I believe it is an adverse action. What's the Council's policy on that? I believe I have become a target as I have complained. What notification have you provided as no-one on the parade was notified that the laws have changed and why are we being fined?

Response:

The Mayor advised that in relation to the allegations of adverse action, we take that very seriously, we expect nothing but the best conduct by our compliance officers and that's why we have a Governance Officer and Mr Gilbert if he hasn't already, will investigate any allegations you might have against our officers. In relation to notification and the changes that have happened, it wasn't just Queens Parade, even though this was before my time as Mayor, there was a policy voted by Council in 2014 that affected all of our shopping strips in all of our retail strips to make it 2 hour parking limits along all shopping and retail strips. You still have a parking permit that allows you to park in a fairly large designated block around the area, so there are other streets where you have a permit to be able to park in and I guess I am a little confused why in a retail and shopping strip, a business owner and business owners want to use up all the parking all day, rather than having those spots available, we put it in for a very specific reason, which is to encourage a turn-over of cars on our shopping strips and on our retail strips so that people come into our shopping strips and retail strips, have more of a change of getting a parking spot, so I am unsure why business owners would want to have them and all their staff taking up all the parking all day rather than encouraging those spaces be available for visitors to the shopping strip.

The demand for parking is an issue across Yarra and you have parking permits that allow you to park in a large parking strip and square around the area. I would be happy to discuss the matter with you further.

7.6 Shane Delphine - Electric Vehicle Charges

Question:

It is widely recognised that in not too many years the majority of new passenger vehicles sold in Australia will be powered by electricity. This change is really a significant positive from the perspective of greenhouse gas emissions as even though electric vehicles are fuelled by comparatively dirty sources of electricity such as that generated by Victoria's predominately brown coal fired generators, they will still emit significantly fewer gases than comparable vehicles which burn hydrocarbons. So in recognition of this coming change that is about to be seen in Australia and around the world, Council's across Australia are developing electric

vehicle strategies. The strategies cover a wide range of subjects including the transition of Councils own fleet of cars and property developments are electric vehicle ready and ensuring adequate provision of charging infrastructure for both residents and visitors.

How is Council responding to ensure residents and visitors have access to recharging facilities and is the Council working on an overarching strategy to address this very significant coming change in passenger vehicle fleet in Australia and the world?

Response:

The Mayor advised that Councillors had a briefing around a month ago to discuss the topic. The expectation that Council delivers this is a worthwhile question, is it the role of Council, we've never provided petrol to cars and we don't even provide air for bikes, but I think we have passed that hurdle and recognise that we are going to have to be involved.

The Director Planning and Place Making advised that Council resolved to seek a report from officers on electric vehicles and a significant discussion paper is being prepared. There are a number of aspects that are being looked at; the inner city is a little trickier than outer areas because of houses without driveways and garages. Public charging is a possibility that is being looked at and there are a number of aspects where that could occur so it is very much a work in progress.

The Director City Works and Assets also added that Council has made an allocation in the budget this financial year for us to explore the way we may approach electric vehicle charging across the municipality. We have also made some changes to our own fleet along those lines and there are challenges and opportunities in terms of electric vehicles and charging in neighbourhood streets is somewhat of a challenge that we are looking into. We are converting our own fleet, in fact we have Australia's first electric tipper truck as part of our fleet so we are very much on this journey and understand the benefits of moving to electric vehicles.

Councillor Jolly left the meeting at 7.32pm

Councillor Nguyen arrived at 7.36pm

8. Delegates' reports

8.1 Councillor O'Brien - Yarra Environment Advisory Committee

Committee	Yarra Environment Advisory Committee
Appointed Councillors	Bridgid O'Brien and Amanda Stone
Date of Council Meeting	Thursday 7 November, 2019
Date of Report	12 November, 2019
Report Author	Cr Bridgid O'Brien

DELEGATES REPORT

The Committee met on Thursday 7 November 2019. Cr O'Brien and Cr Stone were in attendance.

Agenda Items included:

Integrated Traffic, Transport, Placemaking and Environmental Impact

Chloe Wright, *Sustainable Transport Officer*, and Matthew Veale, *Coordinator Traffic* provided a report on the programs and initiatives Council delivers in this space and future thinking. An open discussion with YEAC members followed. We agreed to bring the LAPM Policy via YEAC when it is drafted.

Update on Committee Terms of Reference, and discussion on the future of YEAC

Rhys Thomas, *Senior Governance Advisor*, gave an update on the Council Committee's Policy. Michael Oke led a discussion and review of the future and focus of YEAC.

- It was generally agreed that the Yarra Environment Advisory Committee in its current form should be extended for a further 12 months.
- We should look to fill vacancies for this time.
- We discussed having working groups as needed on different topics to go into greater detail such as recycling, urban agriculture, climate emergency and gardening for wildlife.

Update on Climate Emergency Plan development and consultation

Michael Oke gave an update and informed us that it would probably not come back to Council for endorsement until the New Year. It was confirmed that the Plan would be discussed at the Futures Group on 21 November 2019.

Cat Curfews

Cr O'Brien led a discussion on cat curfews across Yarra. Cr Stone pointed out that the Urban Wildlife Management Plan - City of Yarra had considered the matter. The Plan included an action to: "Investigate cat curfews within or directly adjacent to areas covered by an Environmental Significance Overlay (ESO)" and this does not appear to have been actioned. It was generally agreed that this was an important issue and that cat curfews should be in place across all of Yarra and at the very least in areas adjacent to ESOs. Enforcement was discussed and it was agreed that regardless of this issue it was an important message to get out to the community regarding responsible pet ownership. Cat curfews as a requirement versus a recommendation was discussed and it was noted that the RSPCA consider it neglect to allow pet cats to roam. It was also agreed that a carrot not a stick approach would be preferable where cat registration fees could be significantly reduced for cats within runs that are never allowed out. It was also discussed that community education on cat curfews could be distributed with registration information. The Committee was of the view that we want Yarra to also look at other mechanisms to support this outcome, such as education and behaviour change of residents on pet cats. The Committee requested Cr O'Brien follow up on this.

Active consultations (see: *Your Say Yarra* <https://www.yoursayyarra.com.au/>)

- **Economic Development Strategy:** Initial consultation sought now
- **Nature Strategy:** Consultation starting late November
- **Open Space Strategy:** Consultation in early-mid 2020
- **Budget:** Initial feedback being sought

Update from Other Advisory Groups

- **Urban Agriculture.**
- **Waste & Recycling Sub-Committee.**

- Both of these Committees have now sunset.
- **Bicycle Advisory Group.** The Committee discussed renaming this group to Sustainable Transport Advisory Group.

Update on Yarra Sustainability Network

Other business

The Committee also seeks an update on phasing out plastic bottles at our Leisure Centres.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor O'Brien

Seconded: Councillor Fristacky

1. That Council:
 - (a) note this Delegates Report;
 - (b) confirms that the Yarra Environment Advisory Committee in its current form be extended for a further 12 months;
 - (c) request Officers review the matter of cat curfews and brief back to Council and YEAC in the early new year; and
 - (d) notes the importance of our Climate Emergency Plan and that praying for rain is an inadequate response to the catastrophic conditions facing communities and wildlife around the country, so early in the fire season.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Councillor O'Brien - Yarra Environment Advisory Committee - Waste and Recycling Working Group

Committee	Yarra Environment Advisory Committee – Waste and Recycling Working Group
Appointed Councillors	Bridgid O'Brien and Amanda Stone
Date of Council Meeting	Thursday 17 October, 2019
Date of Report	12 November, 2019
Report Author	Bridgid O'Brien

DELEGATES REPORT

Last Meeting - End of two year tender.
The Working Group met on Thursday 17 October 2019. Cr O'Brien was in attendance.

We had a discussion of the internal process that is underway to review Advisory Committees/Working Groups at Council and hence the sunset of this working group. It was noted that if a new waste and recycling group was determined it would not be until that review was complete and new membership appointed. It was generally agreed that this was a particularly important committee given the significance of recycling to the climate emergency. All attending members expressed their desire to

participate in the waste minimisation working group, in this form or another in the future.

Reflection Workshop: A reflection workshop was conducted to inform the review.

What has worked?

- Informed Council on waste issues
- Provided worthwhile information from Council to community
- Good forum to then disseminate information back to community groups e.g. YCAN, Waste Warriors etc.
- Sharing ideas and networking with other participants
- Liaising with Council staff and Councillors
- Participating in the development of the Waste Minimisation Strategy
- Feedback to community on Waste Minimisation Strategy delivery from Council
- Being part of the solution to reduce food waste going to landfill, which is important part of reducing emissions
- Important avenue to give input
- Good sounding board and testing of tools/education strategies
- Council has been open to ideas and feedback and appreciative of the expertise of the Group
- Great having a central point of contact in Council for questions e.g. reusable nappies, farmers markets, plastic waste, e-waste etc.
- Great presentations

What would we do differently?

- Create more opportunities to have an ACTION focus which contributes to Council decisions such as drafting resolutions through delegates report on food/green waste service being needing to roll out Municipal wide;
- Be involved in campaign design, development and testing rather than just providing feedback and ideas, and then waiting for Council processes to be worked through;
- Working together with Council on finding solutions for particular issues e.g. if there is recycling solution for a particular project in Australia;
- Create more opportunity for community input/collaboration, bottom up approach rather than top down;
- Using group for big issue "Think Tank";
- More of a focus on setting up and developing Community-Council partnerships, then working together on various issues.

What would we like to see in the future?

- Facilitation of more connections between activists within this "community" of Yarra, and bring together our skills, energy and resources to achieve our joint objectives;
- meet more often - say monthly, whether it's under the Council umbrella or not, with - at least - regular liaison with Lisa and other Council staff. Or it may be as a sub-committee of a broader climate action committee/working group;
- Better email discussion;
- Cross Council/neighbourhood based membership;
- Develop collaborative approach to lobby State and Federal Government;
- More group work to lobby Council on community needs;
- Council webpage to include Terms of Reference, agenda and minutes all

committees and working groups.

Roundtable discussion:

Update on Woodside group:

- (a) Meeting monthly;
- (b) Door knocking to invite more people to get involved in the compost program where they can bring their food scraps to the Compost Hub at Fitzroy High School; and
- (c) Letter box drop “War on Waste” leaflet on composting program and recycling tips.

A group discussion about the possibility of Council providing support to replicate the Woodside St model (i.e. small recycling facility with volunteers to transfer separated waste streams to the Depot).

Talked about the Good Karma Network, on line network where people exchange information and swap goods.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor O'Brien

Seconded: Councillor Fristacky

1. That Council:
 - (a) note this Delegates Report; and
 - (b) request Officers note the above feedback for the Council review of Advisory Committees/Working Groups to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Councillor Fristacky - Report on Nicholls Ward Anniversaries

1. Old Colonists Association 150th Anniversary

I seek to record a major milestone for the Old Colonists Association of Victoria which on Sunday 27 October 2019, celebrated its 150th anniversary with the founding of its first retirement village at Rushall Park, North Fitzroy in 1869.

Founder, George Coppin convened a meeting of Melbourne citizens on 11 May 1869 at which it was decided to establish a permanent home to “assist necessitous” Old Colonists. The Government of Victoria donated land in North Fitzroy and donations from philanthropists covered the building of the first two retirement cottages. The Village’s first architect was the notable George Johnson who, later, also designed the Collingwood Town Hall and extensions to the Fitzroy Town Hall in 1887-89.

Further donations enabled Rushall Park to grow to a heritage listed village of 133 cottages. Added more recently, are 10 independent living apartments, 15 assisted living apartments, with a further 35 new apartments to open in early 2020.

The Association has expanded from North Fitzroy with newer retirement villages in Berwick, Euroa, and St Helena housing over 500 older Victorians.

2. Holden Street Neighbourhood House, 40th Anniversary.

This year also marks the 40th Anniversary of the Holden Street Neighbourhood House, North Fitzroy with its founding in 1979.

Since then, it has grown to deliver over 50 separate programs for disadvantaged local community members. These programs include language, computer, crafts, gardening, foodcraft, exercise, music and dance classes as well as childcare and children's programs supported by 2.2 EFT staff and a team of over 30 volunteers.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Fristacky

Seconded: Councillor O'Brien

That this Delegate's report on Community Association anniversary celebrations be noted and that the Mayor be authorised to write to congratulate the two Associations on their respective anniversaries.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 Councillor Fristacky - Metropolitan Transport Forum (MTF)

Subject	Public Transport, Sustainable Transport Advocacy
Appointed Councillor	Cr Jackie Fristacky; Deputy Delegate: Cr Bridgid O'Brien
Date of Council Meeting	12 September 2019
Date of Report	10 September 2019
Report Author	Cr Jackie Fristacky

DELEGATES REPORT

1. MTF Meeting and AGM, 4 September 2019

Sally Capp Melbourne City Council Lord Mayor addressed the meeting, speaking on the Draft Melbourne Transport Strategy (since adopted 15 September), community engagement and joint advocacy by Councils. Key issues identified were:

- Dealing with Melbourne's 43% motor vehicle through traffic and need to focus on road space for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport;
- Pursuing the 2nd part of the Melbourne Metro project, MM2 connecting Clifton Hill to Newport via the CBD and Fisherman's Bend;
- An alternative to the current Melbourne bike share scheme, being discontinued by the Government from the end November 2019;
- Importance of Council messaging to promote the positive rather than the negative, to offset general media focus on the latter

The AGM meeting endorsed an increase in Council member annual subscriptions to \$2000, to operate with effect for 2020/21.

2. MTF Bus Forum, 2 October 2019

This MTF Forum held at the MAV, attracted over 60 attendees from 29 Melbourne councils. Speakers were: from DOT, Infrastructure Victoria, Professor Graham Currie, and operators including on Brisbane's BRT, together with local case

studies from Councils. Key messages from the Forum were:

- The State was committed to increasing bus patronage by 70% in ten years, with buses carrying as many passengers as the tram network.
- Premium bus routes (100/350 routes) attracted 62% of total bus patronage, while local routes (200/350) attracted only 30%.
- Only 60% of bus routes exceeded an optimum rate of 20 boardings per hour.
- Critical to increased patronage were direct routes, higher frequencies and improved information for travellers. Bus interchanges and routes can be better designed and managed to facilitate transport connections and patronage.
- Brisbane's BRT showed that sustained investment in bus infrastructure could deliver city shaping rapid transit at a fraction of the time/cost of other options.

MTF is seeking input from Councils on their bus transport priorities.

3. Secretary, Department of Transport, Paul Younis, addressed MTF's Meeting, 6 November 2019

The Secretary set out the amalgamated organisation structure of the Department of Transport (DOT) including VicRoads, Regional Roads Victoria, and Public Transport Victoria, with now 4,000 staff in 60 locations across Victoria. The re-organised structure is expected to be completed by December 2019. The new structure covering all transport modes and agencies is designed to improve co-ordination of the State's transport roles. Local government was described as an important partner with the State in the transport task.

The Secretary identified major challenges for the transport portfolio:

- significant catch-up to overcome historic under-investment which had not matched annual population growth of around 140,000;
- managing Victoria's big build of \$4B per annum, with such annual expenditure expected into the future;
- maximising use of the existing network and continuing public transport services during disruptions with buses temporarily replacing rail services. The Secretary re-enforced the State's commitment to increase bus patronage.
- planning for the future with directions set for the next 10-15 years through major projects such as MM1, Airport Rail, Suburban Rail Loop and North East Link.

4. December MTF Meeting

The City of Manningham's transport manager is presenting on the State's North East Link project and the joint submission by Manningham, Boroondara and Banyule Councils contesting the project at public hearings July-September 2019.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Fristacky

Seconded: Councillor O'Brien

1. That this Delegate's Report on the Metropolitan Transport Forum (MTF) be noted.
2. That Council respond to the MTF invitation to identify its priorities on buses with reference to Council's advocacy plan seeking bus services along Chandler Highway, Burnley Street and Alexandra Parade.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. General Business

9.1 Seeking a report on the feasibility of forming an Active Transport Advisory Committee

Background

For clarity, the interpretation of “Active Transport” is intended to:

- include cycling, walking, skating, scootering, etc.; and
- not include motor vehicles or public transport.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor O'Brien

1. That:
 - (a) Officers prepare a report on the feasibility of forming an Active Transport Advisory Committee to Council, such Committee to incorporate the Bicycle Advisory Committee;
 - (b) the report include a proposed Terms of Reference for this Committee; and
 - (c) the Bicycle Advisory Committee continue to operate in the meantime.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 Seeking a report on the feasibility of forming a Public Transport Advocacy Committee

Background

For clarity, the role of the Public Transport Advocacy Committee” is intended to include the tasks of assisting Council in advocating for:

- the establishment of new lines/services of public transport; and
- the improvement and better co-ordination / linking of existing public transport lines / services.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Chen Yi Mei

1. That:
 - (a) Officers prepare a report on the feasibility of forming a Public Transport Advocacy Committee to assist Council in the advocacy and promotion of public transport; and
 - (b) the report include a proposed Terms of Reference for such a Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Questions without notice

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10.1 Councillor O'Brien - Report on the Yarra Riverbank

Question:

In relation to the final alluvium report and as probably expected I am just wondering if we could get an update on when we expect to have a report back to Council on the causes of the devastation to the riverbank behind the Glenvill development of the old AMCOR site?

My understanding with regard to the independent consultants that that was a three stage approach. Are we still going to get a final report from that Alluvium independent investigation?

Response:

The Director City Works and Assets noted the report as been referred to as the Alluvium report, that was how we referred to it in earlier reports we provided to Council and it is probably best that we start to call it something else; it might be further investigations or something similar as Alluvium will play a role but certainly there will be other consultants and parties involved. There is a stormwater management plan, a site wide stormwater management plan that has been drafted between Glenvill and their consultants and our officers and our consultants and that is almost finalised. It will lead to some of the actions that will help us try and understand causes; sealing of the sediment ponds, installing wells that will allow for water testing (there have been wells drilled across the site already) and further wells will be put in once the stormwater management plan for the site has been confirmed.

The Director further added we will bring a report back to Council with information on these investigations, Alluvium will play a role in that. What we are seeking to do is have Glenvill undertake works that we approve the scope of and for us to then peer review that and have Alluvium involved in that process. So it will actually be consultants on behalf of Glenvill undertaking the investigations because they have the best access to the site and the best history, but it is done with a scope approved by officers with advise from Alluvium and the results of the investigation will also be reviewed by Alluvium and officers.

10.2 Councillor O'Brien - Phasing out plastic water bottles in Leisure Centres

Question:

On behalf of the Yarra Environment Advisory Committee (YEAC), we are seeking an update on the phasing out of plastic water bottles at our Leisure Centres?

Response:

The Director City Works and Assets advised that Council received a report back in July this year proposing an approach to phasing out single use plastics across

Leisure Centres. What we propose and what Council endorsed at that time was a three phase process; phase one being the phasing out of bottles and straws from Leisure Centres to occur in six months being in the second half of 2019. Works are underway to make that happen and that was contingent upon contracts we had in place for the supplier of certain things and what we are doing is installing water fountains and making water bottles and the like available for people to use and the single use plastics will be phased out in the coming months, by the end of the year. The report also talked about convening a cross organisational working group to further undertake feasibility studies for how we might phase out single use plastics across other facilities and that will happen as a second stage.

10.3 Councillor Stone - Fitzroy Adventure Playground

Question:

In relation to the Fitzroy Adventure Playground that Council granted 3 years of funding and part of the Council resolution noted that Council will continue to advocate to state and federal governments for additional funding and also that we would support Save the Children in securing additional funding.

Can we get an update on both of those actions given that there has been some reaction to cut back in hours, particularly in school holidays for Cubbies and some people have been quite upset about that?

Response:

The Director Community Wellbeing advised that there has been some conversations particularly with DHS in relation into Cubbies and the previous funding that was provided through the Commonwealth government, not through the State. However we have had some informal conversations with the State Government around that and some of the specific details around support for Save the Children to access philanthropic and other funds I will have to take on notice.

11.1 Penalty Amount for Parking Infringements in Schedule 6 of Road Safety Regulations

Reference: D19/181490
Authoriser: Director Corporate, Business and Finance

RECOMMENDATION

1. That:
 - (a) Council resolves to fix the penalty amount at 0.5 penalty unit for all parking infringements cited in Schedule 6 of the Road Safety (General) Regulations 2019 with a current prescribed Infringement penalty amount of 0.2 penalty unit.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Chen Yi Mei

1. That:
 - (a) Council resolves to fix the penalty amount at 0.5 penalty unit for all parking infringements cited in Schedule 6 of the Road Safety (General) Regulations 2019 with a current prescribed Infringement penalty amount of 0.2 penalty unit.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.2 Q1 2019 Forecast and Q1 Budget Review

Trim Record Number: D19/178432

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate, Business and Finance

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council, having noted the Q1 Forecast Review:
 - (a) allocate the \$305k available surplus cash identified from the Q1 forecast review to the following:
 - (i) \$84k to the Air-conditioning of Carlton Hall (leased to Dancehouse);
 - (ii) \$200k to more rapidly progress on-line and Digital planning application process; and
 - (iii) \$21k to be retained within budget.

MOTION

Moved: Councillor Coleman

Seconded: Councillor O'Brien

1. That Council, having noted the Q1 Forecast Review:
 - (a) allocate the \$305k available surplus cash identified from the Q1 forecast review to the following:
 - (i) \$84k to the Air-conditioning of Carlton Hall (leased to Dancehouse);
 - (ii) \$150k to more rapidly progress on-line and Digital planning application process and that in accordance with robust business planning/processes, that this allocation be contingent on the development of a costed project-plan that is shared with Councillors;
 - (iii) \$30k to fund the electrical installation of the scoreboard at Brunswick Street Oval (materials which are funded by State and Federal grants); and
 - (iv) the remaining \$41k to fund the current climate emergency emission reduction actions in 2019/2020, such actions to be the subject of an Officer report to Council in December nominating specific actions for Council determination.

The below amendment was not accepted by the mover. It was then formerly put.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Councillor Chen Yi Mei

Seconded: Councillor Nguyen

That clauses 1. (i) and (iv) be removed and replaced with the following:

- (i) \$100k to recruit a full-time Youth Development Officer, Pathways based in North Richmond and be responsible for the development of specific education, training and employment support activities in North Richmond, including individual support (as required); and
- (vi) \$25k to be retained within the budget;
- (b) refer the \$84k to the Air-conditioning of Carlton Hall (leased to Dancehouse) to the mid-year budget process.

LOST

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Chen Yi Mei and Nguyen

Against: Councillors Bosler, Coleman, Fristacky, O'Brien and Stone

AMENDMENT

Moved: Councillor Bosler

- (v) consider a Youth Development Officer as part of the mid-year review, pending a report.

The amendment was accepted by the mover and incorporated into the motion.

MOTION

Moved: Councillor Coleman

Seconded: Councillor O'Brien

1. That Council, having noted the Q1 Forecast Review:

- (a) allocate the \$305k available surplus cash identified from the Q1 forecast review to the following:
- (i) \$84k to the Air-conditioning of Carlton Hall (leased to Dancehouse);
 - (ii) \$150k to more rapidly progress on-line and Digital planning application process and that in accordance with robust business planning/processes, that this allocation be contingent on the development of a costed project-plan that is shared with Councillors;
 - (iii) \$30k to fund the electrical installation of the scoreboard at Brunswick Street Oval (materials which are funded by State and Federal grants); and
 - (iv) the remaining \$41k to fund the current climate emergency emission reduction actions in 2019/2020, such actions to be the subject of an Officer report to Council in December nominating specific actions for Council determination.
 - (v) consider a Youth Development Officer as part of the mid-year review, pending a report.

Councillor Stone suggest an amendment that:

That the \$41k be removed and kept in reserve given that a climate emergency plan has not been endorsed.

The mover did not accepted the amendment.

Councillor Bosler withdrew her amendment as clause (v).

AMENDMENT

Moved: Councillor Fristacky

Seconded: Councillor Stone

That clause (iv) be removed:

the remaining \$41k to fund the current climate emergency emission reduction actions in 2019/2020, such actions to be the subject of an Officer report to Council in December nominating specific actions for Council determination.

CARRIED

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Fristacky, Stone, Chen Yi Mei and Bosler

Against: Councillors Coleman, Nguyen and O'Brien

MOTION

Moved: Councillor Coleman

Seconded: Councillor O'Brien

1. That Council, having noted the Q1 Forecast Review:

- (a) allocate the \$305k available surplus cash identified from the Q1 forecast review to the following:
 - (i) \$84k to the Air-conditioning of Carlton Hall (leased to Dancehouse);
 - (ii) \$150k to more rapidly progress on-line and Digital planning application process and that in accordance with robust business planning/processes, that this allocation be contingent on the development of a costed project-plan that is shared with Councillors; and
 - (iii) \$30k to fund the electrical installation of the scoreboard at Brunswick Street Oval (materials which are funded by State and Federal grants).

AMENDMENT

Moved: Councillor Nguyen

Seconded: Councillor Chen Yi Mei

Allocate 5k for the purchase of information technology equipment for the Yarra Future Pathways Program

LOST

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Chen Yi Mei and Nguyen

Against: Councillors Fristacky, Stone and Bosler

Abstained: Councillors Coleman and O'Brien

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Coleman

Seconded: Councillor O'Brien

1. That Council, having noted the Q1 Forecast Review:

- (a) allocate the \$305k available surplus cash identified from the Q1 forecast review to the following:
 - (i) \$84k to the Air-conditioning of Carlton Hall (leased to Dancehouse);
 - (ii) \$150k to more rapidly progress on-line and Digital planning application process and that in accordance with robust business planning/processes, that this allocation be contingent on the development of a costed project-plan that is shared with Councillors; and
 - (iii) \$30k to fund the electrical installation of the scoreboard at Brunswick Street Oval (materials which are funded by State and Federal grants).

CARRIED

11.3 2019/20 Annual Plan Quarterly Progress Report - September

Trim Record Number: D19/185474

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate, Business and Finance

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council note the end of September result as reported in the 2019/20 Annual Plan Quarterly Progress Report - September.

Councillor O'Brien left the meeting at 8.48pm

Councillor O'Brien returned to the meeting at 8.53pm

Councillor Nguyen left the meeting at 8.48pm

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Chen Yi Mei

1. That Council note the end of September result as reported in the 2019/20 Annual Plan Quarterly Progress Report - September.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.4 Draft Nature Strategy 2020-2024

Reference: D19/198875

Authoriser: Director City Works and Assets

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the report and attached the Draft Nature Strategy: Protecting Yarra's Unique Biodiversity 2020 – 2024; and
 - (b) endorse the Draft Nature Strategy: Protecting Yarra's Unique Biodiversity 2020 – 2024 for exhibition and public consultation for a four week period commencing in November 2019.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor O'Brien

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the report and attached the Draft Nature Strategy: Protecting Yarra's Unique Biodiversity 2020 – 2024; and
 - (b) endorse the Draft Nature Strategy: Protecting Yarra's Unique Biodiversity 2020 – 2024 for exhibition and public consultation for a four week period commencing in November 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Coleman left at 9.00pm

Councillor Coleman returned at 9.04pm

11.5 Draft Social Justice Charter for Yarra

Reference: D19/190383

Authoriser: Group Manager People, Culture and Community

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) endorse the Draft Social Justice Charter to be released for public exhibition.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Fristacky

1. That Council:
 - (a) endorse the Draft Social Justice Charter to be released for public exhibition.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.6 Yana Ngargna Plan 2020-2023

Trim Record Number: D19/197148

Responsible Officer: Group Manager People, Culture and Community

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) Adopt the *Yana Ngargna* Plan 2020–2023 and the *Yana Ngargna* 2020 Year 1 Action Plan; and
 - (b) Acknowledge and thank all Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have contributed their time, energy and knowledge to the development of the *Yana Ngargna* Plan 2020–2023.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor O'Brien

1. That Council:
 - (a) Adopt the *Yana Ngargna* Plan 2020–2023 and the *Yana Ngargna* 2020 Year 1 Action Plan; and
 - (b) Acknowledge and thank all Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have contributed their time, energy and knowledge to the development of the *Yana Ngargna* Plan 2020–2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.7 Draft Homelessness Strategy 2020-2023

Reference: D19/145377

Authoriser: Group Manager People, Culture and Community

RECOMMENDATION

1. That:
 - (a) Councillors note the draft Homelessness Strategy; and
 - (b) Councillors endorse the draft Homelessness Strategy for public exhibition from mid-November for a period of six weeks.

Public Submission

Maurice Sheehan addressed Council on the matter.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Coleman

Seconded: Councillor Fristacky

1. That:
 - (a) Council note the draft Homelessness Strategy; and
 - (b) Council endorse the draft Homelessness Strategy for public exhibition from mid-November for a period of six weeks.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Coleman left the meeting at 9.36pm

Councillor Coleman returned at 9.37pm

11.8 Social and Affordable Housing Strategy

Reference: D19/186666
Authoriser: Unit Manager Social Policy and Research

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) Notes the officer's report in relation to the proposed new Social and Affordable Housing Strategy.
 - (b) Notes the findings from the consultation program and how feedback has been addressed in finalising the Social and Affordable Housing Strategy.
 - (c) Notes the information provided on tiny houses as per Council Resolution 6318 on 27 August 2019.
 - (d) Endorses the Social and Affordable Housing Strategy and Updated Policy Guidance Note: Affordable Housing Outcomes at Significant Developments.

Public Submission

Greg Chenahall addressed Council on the matter.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Chen Yi Mei **Seconded:** Councillor Coleman

1. That Council:
 - (a) notes the officer's report in relation to the proposed new Social and Affordable Housing Strategy;
 - (b) notes the findings from the consultation program and how feedback has been addressed in finalising the Social and Affordable Housing Strategy;
 - (c) notes the information provided on tiny houses as per Council Resolution 6318 on 27 August 2019; and
 - (d) endorses the Social and Affordable Housing Strategy and Updated Policy Guidance Note: Affordable Housing Outcomes at Significant Developments.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.9 Council Land Abutting Goodwood Street Richmond

Reference: D19/183576

Authoriser: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) approves the progression of a licence agreement between Council and the Owners Corporation of 11 Goodwood Street Richmond over adjacent Council-owned land to accommodate removable private mailboxes and a garbage receptacle. Such licence agreement will:
 - (i) provide a five (5) years initial licence period with a further five (5) year extension exercisable by Council only;
 - (ii) require an annual licence fee of \$350 per annum indexed at CPI;
 - (iii) provide Council with authority to remove the Owners Corporation assets if the Owners Corporation does not comply with standards or if access to the upgrade and/or maintain the drainage assets is required and to seek reimbursement from the Corporation for costs incurred in removing and re-installing structure/s; and
 - (iv) provide Council with the ability to terminate the agreement for a significant breach or convenience; and
 - (b) notes the measures to ensure the effective management of Council-owned and controlled land in future.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Chen Yi Mei

1. That Council:
 - (a) approves the progression of a licence agreement between Council and the Owners Corporation of 11 Goodwood Street Richmond over adjacent Council-owned land to accommodate removable private mailboxes and a garbage receptacle. Such licence agreement will:
 - (i) provide a five (5) years initial licence period with a further five (5) year extension exercisable by Council only;
 - (ii) require an annual licence fee of \$350 per annum indexed at CPI;
 - (iii) provide Council with authority to remove the Owners Corporation assets if the Owners Corporation does not comply with standards or if access to the upgrade and/or maintain the drainage assets is required and to seek reimbursement from the Corporation for costs incurred in removing and re-installing structure/s; and
 - (iv) provide Council with the ability to terminate the agreement for a significant breach or convenience; and
 - (b) notes the measures to ensure the effective management of Council-owned and controlled land in future;
 - (c) notes that any extension of this lease will be subject to Council approval; and
 - (d) directs that any future requests to occupy Council land under similar circumstances and in particular when associated with the assessment of a Planning Permit Application, be directed to the CEO's office for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.10 East - West access through former AMCOR site

Reference: D19/193827

Authoriser: Director City Works and Assets

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) note that the temporary path alignment (as per Attachment 1) provides safe access to the community through the Glenvill construction site to the Yarra Riverbank;
 - (b) note that Council's primary liability insurer have confirmed they will provide public liability insurance coverage for the proposed temporary pathway solution; and
 - (c) note that officers have advised Glenvill to proceed with the temporary pathway, and for Glenvill to undertake a regular inspection regime to maintain its condition throughout its use.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor O'Brien

1. That Council:
 - (a) note that the temporary path alignment (as per Attachment 1) provides safe access to the community through the Glenvill construction site to the Yarra Riverbank;
 - (b) note that Council's primary liability insurer have confirmed they will provide public liability insurance coverage for the proposed temporary pathway solution; and
 - (c) note that officers have advised Glenvill to proceed with the temporary pathway, and for Glenvill to undertake a regular inspection regime to maintain its condition throughout its use.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.11 Heritage Strategy - response to public exhibition and an amended strategy for council consideration for adoption

Reference: D19/201867

Authoriser: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the outcome of the public exhibition of the draft Heritage Strategy;
 - (b) adopt the amended Heritage Strategy 2019-2030 - **Attachment 3**; and
 - (c) refer to the budget process, resourcing for the implementation of the adopted Heritage Strategy 2019-2020.

Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council on the matter:

Greg Chenhall, Fitzroy Residents Association;

Laura Campbell, HAC Member; and

Maurice Sheehan.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Fristacky

Seconded: Councillor Stone

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the outcome of the public exhibition of the draft Heritage Strategy;
 - (b) adopt the amended Heritage Strategy 2019-2030, with modification to Priority Action 14 and corrections to page 9 (Attachment 3); and
 - (c) refer to the budget process, resourcing for the implementation of the adopted Heritage Strategy 2019-2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.12 Change to Ordinary Council Meeting Schedule

Reference: D19/192702

Authoriser: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) schedule an additional Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 November 2019 at Fitzroy Town Hall, with the confidential session commencing at 6.30pm and the public session commencing at 7.00pm; and
 - (b) direct the Chief Executive Officer to give public notice of the additional meeting.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Fristacky

Seconded: Councillor Bosler

1. That Council:
 - (a) schedule an additional Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 November 2019 at Richmond Town Hall, with the confidential session commencing at 6.30pm and the public session commencing at 7.00pm; and
 - (b) direct the Chief Executive Officer to give public notice of the additional meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.13 Appointment of Authorised Officers - Planning and Environment Act 1987

Trim Record Number: D19/195314

Responsible Officer: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council formally appoints:
 - (a) Darren BORG; and
 - (b) Elizabeth DELANTYas Authorised Officers pursuant to Section 147(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and Section 232 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
2. That Council directs that the Instruments of Appointment and Authorisation be signed accordingly by the Chief Executive Officer.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Coleman

Seconded: Councillor Bosler

1. That Council formally appoints:
 - (a) Darren BORG; and
 - (b) Elizabeth DELANTYas Authorised Officers pursuant to Section 147(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and Section 232 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
2. That Council directs that the Instruments of Appointment and Authorisation be signed accordingly by the Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 10.29pm.

Confirmed Tuesday 26 November 2019

Mayor