



Minutes

Council Meeting

7.02pm, Tuesday 10 May 2022

Ms Teams

1. Statement of recognition of Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Land

“Yarra City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners and true sovereigns of the land now known as Yarra.

We acknowledge their creator spirit Bunjil, their ancestors and their Elders.

We acknowledge the strength and resilience of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, who have never ceded sovereignty and retain their strong connections to family, clan and country despite the impacts of European invasion.

We also acknowledge the significant contributions made by other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to life in Yarra.

We pay our respects to Elders from all nations here today—and to their Elders past, present and future.”

2. Attendance, apologies and requests for leave of absence

Attendance

Councillors

• Cr Sophie Wade	Mayor
• Cr Edward Crossland	Deputy Mayor
• Cr Stephen Jolly	Councillor
• Cr Herschel Landes	Councillor
• Cr Anab Mohamud	Councillor
• Cr Claudia Nguyen	Councillor
• Cr Bridgid O’Brien	Councillor

Council officers

• Chris Leivers	Interim Chief Executive Officer
• Brooke Colbert	Group Manager Advocacy and Engagement
• Malcolm Foard	Director Community Wellbeing
• Ivan Gilbert	Group Manager Chief Executive’s Office
• Geoff Glynn	Director City Works and Assets
• Gracie Karabinis	Group Manager People and Culture
• Diarmuid McAlary	Director Corporate, Business and Finance
• Bruce Phillips	Director Planning and Place Making
• Mel Nikou	Governance Officer

Municipal Monitor

• Yehudi Blacher	Municipal Monitor
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Leave of absence

• Cr Gabrielle de Vietri	Councillor
• Cr Amanda Stone	Councillor

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Wade

Seconded: Councillor Mohamud

1. That in accordance with section 35(4) of the Local Government Act 2020, Council grant leave of absence to Cr Claudia Nguyen for all meetings held from Wednesday 6 July to Wednesday 3 August 2022 inclusive.

CARRIED

3. Announcements

No announcements were made.

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

No declarations were made.

5. Confidential business reports

Nil

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

6. Confirmation of minutes

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Mohamud

Seconded: Councillor Jolly

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19 April 2022 be confirmed.

CARRIED

7. Public question time

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Nil

7. Public question time

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Questioner	Question	Refer to
Matthew Carabott	If a council meeting was scheduled to be held in person and a councillor wished to attend the meeting virtually, would the councillor be able to attend the meeting virtually whilst others attended in person?	The Mayor provided a response.

8.1 Sportsgrounds and Facilities Allocation Policy

Reference D22/88709
Author Trent Carpenter - Recreation Project Officer
Authoriser Manager Recreation and Leisure Services

RECOMMENDATION **Start time: 7.07pm**

1. That Council:
 - (a) endorse the Draft Sportsgrounds and Facilities Allocation Policy (2022).

Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council on the matter:

Corbin Stevic, Fitzroy Football Club;

Peter Neal; and

Christiana McCudden, Edinburgh Cricket Club.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Wade **Seconded:** Councillor Landes

1. That Council:
 - (a) acknowledge the significant work that officers and local clubs put into the health, wellbeing and community-spirit in Yarra, including a large number of volunteers with individual clubs;
 - (b) endorse the Draft Sportsgrounds and Facilities Allocations Policy (2022);
 - (c) note the current operational processes for seeking a review of facility allocations will continue to apply; and
 - (d) request that a report be presented to Councillors on an annual basis for the first three years the Policy is in place.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 North Richmond Draft Master Plan Submission

Reference	D22/98100
Author	Althena Davidson - Manager City Strategy
Authoriser	Director Planning and Place Making

RECOMMENDATION

Start time: 7.46pm

1. That Council note:
 - (a) the officer report summarising the *North Richmond Draft Master Plan* currently being consulted on by Homes Victoria;
 - (b) the broad alignment of the draft Master Plan to Council's strategies and policies; and
 - (c) the draft submission prepared by Council officers to Homes Victoria as shown in **Attachment Three**.
2. That Council endorse the submission in **Attachment Three** to be submitted to Homes Victoria on the *North Richmond Draft Master Plan*.

Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council on the matter:

*Jack Verdins, Friends of Public Housing Victoria; and
Lucas Moon.*

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Crossland

Seconded: Councillor Jolly

1. That Council:
 - (a) acknowledges and thanks the State Government for its proposed investment in the North Richmond area and is pleased to see State Government attention and investment in such a significant precinct in the City of Yarra.
2. That in considering this matter, Council reaffirms its commitment to:
 - (a) retaining and expanding provision of open space in Yarra, and no net loss of open space; and
 - (b) retaining and increasing provision of public housing in Yarra, and that new housing on public land should be public housing.
3. That Council also reaffirms its various 25 January 2022 resolutions regarding the Richmond Housing Estate, and in particular reiterates its request for the State Government to establish a precinct structure plan for North Richmond "to holistically plan for the North Richmond area in future to both revitalise the area and better meet the needs of the current and future community".
4. That the Mayor write to the Minister for Housing and Minister for Planning and Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change to restate these Council positions and requests a meeting to discuss these particular topics.
5. That Council invites the State Government to partner with Council and other relevant stakeholders in exploring a new approach to governance, roles and responsibilities in the North Richmond precinct.
6. That Council note:

- (a) the officer report summarising the *North Richmond Draft Master Plan* currently being consulted on by Homes Victoria;
 - (b) the broad alignment of the draft Master Plan to Council's strategies and policies; and
 - (c) the draft submission prepared by Council officers to Homes Victoria as shown in Attachment Three, alongside a copy of this resolution and the refinements described below.
7. That Council endorse the submission in Attachment Three to be submitted to Homes Victoria on the North Richmond Draft Master Plan alongside the following matters that are to be expressed in writing to Homes Victoria and the Ministers for Housing and Planning and Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change to:
- (a) Transport:
 - (i) establish accessible tram stops on Church Street and on Victoria Street where they haven't been implemented already;
 - (ii) upgrade North Richmond and West Richmond train stations; and
 - (iii) assist Council in funding a permanent protected cycling infrastructure on Elizabeth Street (subject to successful completion of the trial), and overall streetscape enhancement works;
 - (b) Setbacks:
 - (i) establish built form setbacks to the following streets, with no projections into the setback area:
 - (1) Church Street - 2m setback.
 - (2) Elizabeth Street - 4m to the south side of Elizabeth Street, in addition to the currently proposed landscape setback on both sides of the street.
 - (3) Lennox Street - 3m setback;
 - (c) Accessibility:
 - (i) Build all new buildings to a minimum of silver standard accessibility requirements, with ease of adjustment to meet varied needs of occupants;
 - (d) Open Space:
 - (i) acknowledge the particular importance of retaining the community open space and the open space east and south of the south most tower (in the southern part of the Highett Street neighbourhood), as important community and event spaces and ensure the full extent of the existing community garden on Belgium Avenue and the rectangular open space directly south of this is retained; and
 - (ii) if open space is built over within the estate, offset the net loss of open space through provision of the same area of open space in Richmond, and work with Council to identify suitable State Government land holdings, or land for acquisition to facilitate this;
 - (e) Community Infrastructure:
 - (i) acknowledge the intention of the State Government to provide new community facilities and suggest that any new facilities include a multipurpose community hub with a new library;
 - (ii) establish interim solutions to facilitate enhanced service delivery as soon as possible on the estate; and
 - (iii) work with existing community service providers to establish more comprehensive funding programs and facilities to better meet community needs and further address safety and wellbeing;

- (f) Integration with Victoria Street:
 - (i) That the State Government create wide, activated, and direct through connections between Victoria Street to Elizabeth Street and the estate more broadly; and
 - (ii) Create a piazza for community events adjacent to one of the new through connections to Victoria Street and in proximity of the proposed new community hub;
- (g) Services:
 - (i) Underground overhead services throughout the estate, and on all boundary streets; and
 - (ii) Provide enhanced internet connectivity for current and future tenants;
- (h) Public Housing provision:
 - (i) That Council reaffirms its previous position that the State government should build significantly more public housing in Yarra on appropriate built-up sites that do not negatively impact on existing public housing residents or recreational or green space; and
- (i) Clarifications:
 - (i) confirm whether the new residential buildings will be “community”, “affordable”, or “public” housing, and provide Homes Victoria’s definition of those terms;
 - (ii) confirm the location of new, above-ground buildings on a map of the estate;
 - (iii) confirm the maximum heights of proposed residential buildings;
 - (iv) confirm that the State Government will retain 100% ownership of the properties in perpetuity; and
 - (v) confirm where and how adequate parking will be accommodated for current and future tenants.
- 8. That the Mayor write to the head of Homes Victoria, outlining the above matters, and seeking that consultation on the Homes Victoria North Richmond Draft Masterplan be extended with updated and more accessible information and engagement materials to afford greater engagement and understanding of the proposal within the local community, particularly public housing tenants.
- 9. That Council direct officers to:
 - (a) prepare a short report outlining high-level parameters of a precinct masterplan for the broader North Richmond precinct and to workshop this with Councillors as soon as possible; for the area generally bound by Highett Street, Hoddle Street, Newlands Street, Kent Street, Lambert Street, Baker Street, Johnston Street, Victoria Street, and the areas within Victoria Street Design and Development Overlays DDO 46-50;
 - (b) prepare a grant application to the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) Streamlining for Growth Program - 2022-2023 Grant Program, to assist in accelerating the development and delivery of a precinct masterplan for the broader North Richmond precinct; and
 - (c) explore the parameters of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) 20-minute neighbourhood Municipal Strategic Planning Project, and if applicable, prepare a submission to the Expression of Interest to participate for the broader North Richmond precinct.

CARRIED

8.3 Zero Carbon Development Planning Scheme Amendment

Reference	D22/89103
Author	Euan Williamson - Environmental Sustainable Development Advisor
Authoriser	Manager Statutory Planning

RECOMMENDATION

Start time: 8.31pm

1. That Council notes the officers report in relation to the proposed Zero Carbon Development Planning Scheme Amendment.
2. That Council, having considered this report:
 - (a) using its powers as a planning authority under sections 8A and 8B of the Planning and Environment 1987, seek authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare an Amendment to the Yarra Planning Scheme as shown in Attachment [2] to this report;
 - (b) request that the Minister for Planning establish an advisory committee to advise on the ESD project in accordance with section 151 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987;
 - (c) endorses the three consultant reports as shown in Attachments [4, 5 & 6] to this report, as supporting documents to this Amendment;
 - (d) authorises the Interim CEO to make minor changes to the Amendment and supporting documentation, and provide guidance to any Advisory Committee established by the Minister for Planning; and
 - (e) supports the Letter to Ministers as shown in Attachment [3] that encourages the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to write to the Minister for Planning and Housing, Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, and Minister for Local Government and Suburban Development outlining the benefits to the community of introducing zero carbon focused and elevated ESD planning policy into the Planning Scheme, and how this Amendment should be adopted as a part of the State Government's environmentally sustainable development planning reforms.

Public Submission

Glen McCallum, Protect Fitzroy North Inc. addressed Council on the matter.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Crossland

Seconded: Councillor Nguyen

1. That Council notes the officers report in relation to the proposed Zero Carbon Development Planning Scheme Amendment.
2. That Council, having considered this report:
 - (a) using its powers as a planning authority under sections 8A and 8B of the Planning and Environment 1987, seek authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare an Amendment to the Yarra Planning Scheme as shown in Attachment [2] to this report;
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 - (e) supports the Letter to Ministers as shown in Attachment [3] that encourages the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to write to the Minister for Planning and Housing, Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, and Minister for Local Government and Suburban Development outlining the benefits to the community of introducing zero carbon focused and elevated ESD planning policy into the Planning Scheme, and how this Amendment should be adopted as a part of the State Government's environmentally sustainable development planning reforms.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8.40pm

The meeting resumed at 8.47pm

8.4 Updated Events in Public Spaces Policy

Reference	D22/93615
Author	Louisa Marks - Visual Arts Officer
Authoriser	Unit Manager Arts, Culture and Venues

RECOMMENDATION

Start time: 8.47pm

1. That Council endorse the revised Events In Public Places Policy 2022 (as attached).

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Mohamud

Seconded: Councillor Landes

1. That Council endorse the revised Events In Public Places Policy 2022 (as attached).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 Yarra Libraries Strategic Plan 2022-2026

Reference	D22/93623
Author	Cory Greenwood - Coordinator Library Development and Marketing
Authoriser	Acting Director Community Wellbeing

RECOMMENDATION

Start time: 8.52pm

1. That Council:
 - (a) approves the release of the Draft Yarra Libraries Strategic Plan 2022-2026 for the purposes of public exhibition from Wednesday 11 May 2022 to Friday 27 May 2022; and
 - (b) receives a further report which considers submissions received to inform the finalisation of the Draft Yarra Libraries Strategic Plan 2022-2026, prior to its planned adoption at a future Council meeting.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Wade

Seconded: Councillor Mohamud

1. That Council:
 - (a) approves the release of the Draft Yarra Libraries Strategic Plan 2022-2026 for the purposes of public exhibition from Wednesday 11 May 2022 to Friday 27 May 2022; and
 - (b) receives a further report which considers submissions received to inform the finalisation of the Draft Yarra Libraries Strategic Plan 2022-2026, prior to its planned adoption at a future Council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 IntoWork Report

Reference	D22/95519
Author	Diarmuid McAlary - Director Corporate, Business and Finance
Authoriser	Director Corporate, Business and Finance

RECOMMENDATION

Start time: 8.57pm

1. That Council:

- (a) notes that its decision made under Confidential item 5.1 IntoWork Governance Review and Proposal for Change on 16 March 2021 to relinquish Member Council interest in IntoWork in exchange for a 30-year funding commitment to the Inner North Community Foundation has now been implemented through a Signed Relationship Deed executed on the 7 December 2021; and therefore the decision of Council will now be made public (the executed Relationship Deed is between Moreland City Council, City of Yarra, Darebin City Council, Inner Northern Group Training Limited and Inner North Community Foundation Ltd);
- (b) notes that the Council resolution made under Confidential item 5.1 IntoWork Governance Review and Proposal for Change on 16 March 2021 is provided publicly in this report under previous Council resolutions; and
- (c) notes that for the purpose of public transparency, this report provides an overview of the information related to Council's decision on 16 March 2021 and action taken execute the agreement.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Wade

Seconded: Councillor Crossland

1. That Council:

- (a) notes that its decision made under Confidential item 5.1 IntoWork Governance Review and Proposal for Change on 16 March 2021 to relinquish Member Council interest in IntoWork in exchange for a 30-year funding commitment to the Inner North Community Foundation has now been implemented through a Signed Relationship Deed executed on the 7 December 2021; and therefore the decision of Council will now be made public (the executed Relationship Deed is between Moreland City Council, City of Yarra, Darebin City Council, Inner Northern Group Training Limited and Inner North Community Foundation Ltd);
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CARRIED

8.7 Appointment of Council representative to the Collingwood Children's Farm Committee of Management

Reference D22/95460
Author Rhys Thomas - Senior Governance Advisor
Authoriser Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

RECOMMENDATION

Start time: 9.02pm

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the resignation of Cr Jolly from the Collingwood Children's Farm Committee of Management; and
 - (b) appoint Cr _____ as its representative on the Collingwood Children's Farm Committee of Management for the remainder of the 2021/2022 Council year.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Wade

Seconded: Councillor Nguyen

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the resignation of Cr Jolly from the Collingwood Children's Farm Committee of Management; and
 - (b) appoint Cr Stone as its representative on the Collingwood Children's Farm Committee of Management for the remainder of the 2021/2022 Council year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.8 Motions for MAV State Council

Reference	D22/98719
Author	Rhys Thomas - Senior Governance Advisor
Authoriser	Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

RECOMMENDATION

Start time: 9.04pm

1. That Council endorse the following motions for submission to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council to be held on 24 June 2022:
 - (a) Greater funding to support the transition to a circular economy (**Attachment One**); and
 - (b) Woodfires in built up areas (**Attachment Two**).

Public Submission

Glen McCallum, Protect Fitzroy North Inc. addressed Council on the matter.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor O'Brien

Seconded: Councillor Crossland

1. That Council endorse the following motions for submission to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council to be held on 24 June 2022:
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 - (b) Woodfires in built up areas (**Attachment Two**).

CARRIED

8.9 Councillor attendance at the ALGA National General Assembly and change to Council meeting date

Reference	D22/98769
Author	Rhys Thomas - Senior Governance Advisor
Authoriser	Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

RECOMMENDATION

Start time: 9.07pm

1. That in accordance with the Councillor Support Policy, Council authorise the attendance of Cr Sophie Wade (Mayor), Cr Edward Crossland (Deputy Mayor) and Cr Amanda Stone at the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly in Canberra from 19 to 22 June 2021 at an estimated cost of \$2,289.
2. That Council:
 - (a) reschedule the Council meeting scheduled for 21 June 2022 to the same time on 23 June 2022 (7.00pm for the public session, and 6.30pm for the closed session if required); and
 - (b) provide notice to the community of the change via its social media channels and Council's website.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Nguyen

Seconded: Councillor Jolly

1. That in accordance with the Councillor Support Policy, Council authorise the attendance of Cr Sophie Wade (Mayor), Cr Edward Crossland (Deputy Mayor) and Cr Amanda Stone at the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly in Canberra from 19 to 22 June 2021 at an estimated cost of \$2,289.
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Notices of motion

Nil

10. Petitions and joint letters

Nil

11. Questions without notice

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11.1 Councillor Landes - Recycling

Question:

Can officers please provide an update on:

- (a) the contamination rates in our recycling bins;
- (b) how our cardboard is being managed across the municipality;
- (c) any changes to plastic acceptance at our separation plants; and
- (d) any technological opportunities (i.e. compacting technologies) or general observations going forward on the recycling program.

Response:

The Director City Works and Assets provided a response.

Councillor Jolly left the meeting at 9.15pm, not returning.

11.2 Councillor Wade - Multi-unit Developments and Waste

Question:

What percentage of properties in Yarra are still on the Yarra waste service?

Response:

The Director City Works and Assets provided a response.

12. Delegates' reports

Nil

13. General Business

Nil

Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 9.18pm.

Confirmed Tuesday 31 May 2022

Mayor