

Special Meeting of Council Minutes

held on Tuesday 26 June 2018 at 7.00pm Richmond Town Hall

**Corrected by resolution of Council on Tuesday 3 July 2018

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1. Statement of Recognition of Wurundjeri Land

"Welcome to the City of Yarra."

"Yarra City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri 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 Daniel Nguyen (Mayor)
- Cr Misha Coleman (Deputy Mayor)
- Cr Danae Bosler
- Cr Mi-Lin Chen Yi Mei
- Cr Jackie Fristacky
- Cr Stephen Jolly
- Cr Mike McEvoy
- Cr James Searle
- Cr Amanda Stone

Council officers

- Vijaya Vaidyanath (Chief Executive Officer)
- Andrew Day (Director Corporate, Business and Finance)
- Ivan Gilbert (Group Manager CEO's Office)
- Lucas Gosling (Acting Director Community Wellbeing)
- Chris Leivers (Director City Works and Assets)
- Bruce Phillips (Director Planning and Place Making)
- Jane Waldock (Assistant Director Planning and Place Making)
- Mel Nikou (Governance Officer)

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

Nil

4. Council business reports

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Trim Record Number: D18/105520

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate, Business and Finance

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RECOMMENDATION

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MOTION

Moved: Councillor Nguyen Seconded: Councillor Coleman

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AMENDMENT

Moved: Councillor Fristacky

- 1.b. Inclusion of budget provisions for:
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The amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder and incorporated into the motion

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Moved: Councillor McEvoy

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 - (ii) Keep \$1,000,000 in the bank to maintain low risk liquidity ratio;
 - (iii) Use \$1,000,000 to additional projects (refer below);
 - b. Inclusion of operational expenditure budget provisions for:
 - (i) <u>Digital transmission of Council meetings (\$50,000)</u>:
 - (ii) Joining the Alliance for Gambling Reform (\$15,000);
 - (iii) Consultation and a scoping study for youth services at the Richmond public housing estate (\$20,000)
 - c. Inclusion of capital expenditure budget provisions for:
 - (i) Bicycle Network infrastructure (\$200,000);
 - (ii) Building energy efficiency (\$400,000);
 - (iii) Victoria Street litter & oil interceptor (\$140,000);
 - (iv) New Art acquisitions (\$25,000);
 - (v) Funding Yarra's Municipal Agreement with Bacau District up to \$5,500;
 - (b) adopts the 2018/19 2027/28 LTFS as the Long Term Financial Strategy for 2018/19, conditional upon the following amendments:
 - a. Year 2020/21 to show additional \$5m payment of borrowings.
 - (c) in respect of (b) (iii), That Council consult with young people living at the Richmond estate, DHHS, Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House, Drummond Street Services, North Richmond Community Health and any other relevant stakeholders and that Council directs officers to bring forward a report on youth services and appropriate space at the Richmond public housing estate that should include:
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 - b. A comparison with youth services at other public housing estates in Yarra:
 - c. A demographic analysis
 - d. An analysis of how Council's current and future financial contributions can be used to provide the greatest benefit to young people living at the Richmond estate; and
 - e. A recommendation for any budget bids for the 2019/2020 budget.

The amendments were not accepted by the mover and seconder.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8.12pm.

The Mayor resumed the meeting at 8.26pm.

Moved: Councillor McEvoy Seconded: Councillor Stone

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CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Stone, McEvoy and Searle

Against: Councillors Coleman, Fristacky, Jolly, Chen Yi Mei, Bosler and Nguyen

AMENDMENT

Moved: Councillor Coleman

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Moved: Councillor Searle Seconded: Councillor McEvoy

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LOST

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Stone, McEvoy and Searle

Against: Councillors Fristacky, Jolly, Chen Yi Mei, Bosler and Nguyen

Abstained: Councillor Coleman

AMENDMENT

Moved: Councillor McEvoy Seconded: Councillor Searle

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COUNCIL RESOLUTION (PROCEDURAL)

Moved: Councillor Fristacky Seconded: Councillor Jolly

That the substantive motion moved by Councillor Nguyen and seconded by Councillor Coleman be put without further amendments.

CARRIED

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The Mayor resumed standing orders to enable resumption of debate.

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- (ii) it further be declared that the general rate be raised by application of a uniform rate;
- (iii) a percentage of 0.03530577 be specified as the percentage of the uniform rate which may be alternatively expressed as \$0.03530577 cents in the NAV dollar, subject to final sign off by the Valuer-General;
- (iv) it be confirmed that no amount is fixed as the minimum amount payable by way of a general rate in respect of each rateable property within the municipality; and
- (v) the Council funded Pensioner Rate Rebate be declared at \$182.50 for 2018/19;
- (h) declares no Annual Service Charge in respect of the 2018/19 financial year;
- (i) declares no Municipal Charge in respect of the 2018/19 financial year; and
- (j) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to effect minor administrative and wording changes to the 2018/19 Budget & LTFS documents, which may be required, including correcting the names of the attachments 1 5 listed on the website under the public meeting agenda.
- 2. That Council has reviewed the Council Plan (incorporating the Health and Wellbeing Plan) in accordance with relevant legislation, and no changes are proposed.

CARRIED

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Coleman, Fristacky, Jolly, Chen Yi Mei, McEvoy, Bosler and Nguyen

Against: Councillors Stone and Searle

Conclusion
The meeting concluded at 9.47pm.
Confirmed Tuesday 3 July 2018
Mayor