



**COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE HUME CITY COUNCIL**

MONDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2025

7:00PM

**COUNCIL CHAMBER - HUME GLOBAL LEARNING CENTRE
BROADMEADOWS**

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

It should be noted that these minutes are not in their final form until Council has formally resolved to confirm them.

These minutes will be presented to Council for confirmation on Monday, 24 February 2025.

HUME CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the

COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL

held on Monday, 10 February 2025

at 7:00pm

at the Council Chamber - Hume Global Learning Centre Broadmeadows

Attendees:	a: Council	Cr Jarrod Bell	Mayor
		Cr Naim Kurt	Deputy Mayor
		Cr Daniel English	
		Cr Steve Gagen	
		Cr John Haddad	
		Cr Kate Hamley	
		Cr Sam Misho	
		Cr Carly Moore	Online
		Cr Jim Overend	
		Cr Karen Sherry	
	Cr Ally Watson		
	b: Officers	Ms Sheena Frost	Chief Executive Officer
		Ms Rachel Dapiran	Director City Planning and Places
		Ms Anne Mallia	Act. Director City Services & Living
		Mr Adam McSwain	Director Infrastructure and Assets
		Mr Hector Gaston	Director Customer & Strategy
		Ms Ann-Michel Greenwood	Chief People Officer
		Mr Fadi Srour	Chief Financial Officer
		Ms Holly De Kretser	Manager Governance
		Ms Jane Mikaele	Governance Officer

Proceedings to be Recorded

The Mayor reminded Councillors and members of the Gallery that an audio and video recording of the Council meeting will be made and published to Council's website within 2 working days of the meeting.

Gallery Behaviour

The Mayor advised that they will invite members of the gallery to speak, for up to three minutes either in support of or against an officer's recommendation.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The Mayor read the following:

Hume City Council would like to acknowledge that we are meeting on Country for which the members and Elders of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people and their forebears have been custodians for many thousands of years. The Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung, which includes the Gunung-Willam-Balluk clan, are the Traditional Custodians of this land. Hume City Council would also like to pay its respects to their Elders, past and present, and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who may be here today.

2. PRAYER

Hume City's religious diversity strengthens and enriches community life and supports the well-being of the citizens of Hume City. Hume City Council acknowledges the importance of spiritual life and the leadership offered by the Hume Interfaith Network (HIN). In recognition of the religious diversity of residents in Hume City Council has invited the HIN to take responsibility for the opening prayer at Council meetings. This evening's prayer will be led by Gurdasham Singh from Hume's Sikh Community, on behalf of the HIN.

3. APOLOGIES

Nil

The CEO noted that In accordance with Hume City Council's Governance Rules, clause 77.5.4, Cr Carly Moore will be attending tonight's meeting online

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

The Mayor read the following:

Councillors' attention is drawn to the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's Governance Rules in relation to the disclosure of conflicts of interests. Councillors are required to disclose any conflict of interest immediately before consideration or discussion of the relevant item. Councillors are then required to leave the Chamber during discussion and not vote on the relevant item.

Nil

5. CONGRATULATIONS AND CONDOLENCES**CGM84 ONCONGRATULATIONS MOTION – FIRST RESPONDERS TO THE BURST WATER MAIN IN SUNBURY**

Moved Cr Kate Hamley, **Seconded** Cr Ally Watson

That council through the Mayor write to extend a sincere thank you to the first responders that attended to a burst water main in Sunbury on Sunday.

CARRIED

6. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16 December 2024.

Moved Cr Steve Gagen, **Seconded** Cr Jim Overend

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16 December 2024, be confirmed.

CARRIED

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**PQ1235 PUBLIC QUESTION - CATHY CLEAVER**

Could you please confirm if the HCC Animal Management Program has been finalized and what improvements were made to ensure the community concerns are addressed more efficiently with a proactive approach. Please advise the actual changes and not just refer to

where on HCC website the information is as the community has had to try and work out what has been changed

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR CITY SERVICES AND LIVING

Thank you for the question and we understand the community's concern and strong interest in this issue.

Due to legal and privacy considerations Council is limited in what we can share but remains committed to releasing the findings when it is able to do so.

Following these incidents, Council has updated the Pets and Animals section of our website to provide residents with clearer guidance on:

- Reporting lost or wandering dogs
- Reporting dog attacks
- The consequences of dog attacks, including infringements and prosecution
- Requirements of keeping dogs that have been declared menacing or dangerous

PQ1236 PUBLIC QUESTION - CATHY CLEAVER

Will there be a submission to State Government for improvements to the 1994 Domestic Animal Act. If so, when will the submission be made and what improvements are being recommended for consideration by State Government.

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR CITY SERVICES AND LIVING

Council has identified gaps in the Domestic Animal Management Act that could benefit from change and amendments.

For example, enhancing officers' powers to enter properties and seize dogs involved in attacks and ensuring appropriate consequences for both the dog and its owner.

Council will provide these recommendations to the State Government for consideration and response in due course.

PQ1237 PUBLIC QUESTION - GREG

What is the council's plan to reduce rubbish that has dramatically increased in being dumped in area surrounding the Coles Craigieburn Village supermarket's surrounding streets.

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSETS

In 2024, Council received over 12,000 requests in relation to litter and illegally dumped waste. In addition to our teams who are tasked with collecting this material, Council has continued to show strong support for a range of programs to reduce illegally dumped waste.

Some of our current actions and initiatives include:

- 2 Waste education officers hired who undertake school incursions along with other education initiatives within the community.

- A 2-year Behaviour Science Study with Behaviour Works Australia (Monash University) and Whittlesea City Council to research the drivers of this behaviour within our communities.
- A new 3-6 Month education and awareness campaign commencing in early 2025.
- Waste Response Program operating in 12 suburbs, including Craigieburn. This team asks households to take responsibility for dumped waste outside their homes with an average success rate of 85%.
- 'Dob in a Dumper' campaign, to advertise and explain the penalties for illegally dumped waste to the community.

In addition, in July 2024, Council altered the Bulk Waste Services (tip passes and hard waste) collections available to all residents. Since this change, we have seen very positive increases in service utilisation, with Resource Recovery Centre (tip) pass usage increasing from 2539 vouchers per month to 4592 per month.

All of these actions are seeing positive change and we encourage you to report all instances of illegally dumped waste to Council via phone, email, our website, or Snap Send Solve.

PQ1238 PUBLIC QUESTION - GREG

To help reduce the illegal dumping of rubbish, why doesn't the council offer a significant discount, 30% off, homeowners council rates as encouragement for the reporting of rubbish?

I am certain that local residents where rubbish is illegally dumped would come together and be more willing to report the offenders in action if they were to receive a discount off rates.

This "reward" offsets the eye saw, physical abuse along with verbal abuse. This is because the EPA requires photo evidence of people dumping. Yet I feel as a resident that nothing is being done during the day or night time where there are known dumping spots.

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR CITY SERVICES AND LIVING

Council values community input on how we can better encourage and support residents to report illegal dumping. Your suggestion has been referred for further consideration as part of the 2025/26 Council Plan and Annual Budget development process. This will allow us to assess its financial and operational feasibility alongside other community ideas.

In the meantime, we encourage residents to report dumped rubbish to us via phone, online, in person at a Council customer service counter, or through the Snap Send Solve app.

In 23/24 Council officers investigated more than 1300 illegal dumping incidents based on reports from residents.

While we encourage residents to provide as much detail in these report as possible, safety always comes first – no one should put themselves at risk to gather information.

Council investigates all reports of illegal dumping. When a report does not provide sufficient evidence to establish those responsible, Council officers work to acquire this information through other means such as CCTV surveillance, officer patrols, and site inspections.

8. OFFICERS' REPORTS

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.1	Hume Community Vision 2045	4
	Moved Cr Karen Sherry, Seconded Cr Kate Hamley	

That Council adopts the refreshed Hume Community Vision 2045 (Attachment 1).

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.2	Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes - 11 September 2024	12

Moved Cr Ally Watson, **Seconded** Cr Sam Misho

THAT Council notes the confirmed minutes of Hume City Council's Audit and Risk Committee Meeting which was held on 11 September 2024.

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.3	Audit and Risk Committee Appointment	18

Moved Cr Ally Watson, **Seconded** Cr Steve Gagen

That Council reappoint Ms Jen Johanson as independent member and Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee for a three-year term, concluding in February 2028.

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.4	Recommended Amendments to Council's Instrument of Delegation to the Chief Executive Officer	20

Moved Cr Steve Gagen, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

THAT Council:

2.1 in accordance with section 11(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, varies its Instrument of Delegation to the Chief Executive Officer to set the limitation on the power delegated to the CEO to award a contract or make any expenditure at a value not exceeding \$1,000,000 (including GST).

2.2 approves the signing and sealing of the Instrument of Delegation to the Chief Executive Officer (Attachment 1).

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.5	Request for Authorisation of Council Officer under the Planning and Environment Act 1987	32

Moved Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr Naim Kurt

That under section 147(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, Council authorises the officer listed in Attachment 1 be an authorised officer under that act.

CARRIED

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8.6	Large Sites Gas Contract	36

Moved Cr Sam Misho, **Seconded** Cr Naim Kurt

That Council:

- 1. Endorses the continuation of Council's large gas sites with the recently tendered State Purchase Contract No. SS-06-2024 – Natural Gas – Large sites (Tariff D> 10,000GJ) with AGL until 31 December 2026.**
- 2. Delegates to the Director Infrastructure and Assets the ability to sign contract documentation in relation to this contract including contract variations, roll-in notifications etc.**
- 3. Delegates to the Director Infrastructure and Assets, the powers to review and approve the extension to the contract period for any further energy contract extensions approved by The State of Victoria through the Department of Government Services (there are two further term options of two years and one year respectively). The use of this authority is to be reported to Council within three months of a contract extension.**

CARRIED

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8.7	Civic Events Schedule 2025	39

Moved Cr Kate Hamley, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

- 1. That Council approves the Civic Events schedule for 2025.**
- 2. That Council defer the events listed for delivery in 2025/26 to the upcoming budget process**

CARRIED

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.1	NOM25/01 - Cr Daniel English - Inter Urban Mickleham	42

Moved Cr Daniel English, **Seconded** Cr Ally Watson

That Council:

1. Requests a report on

- a. The relevant planning history that led to the establishment of the Inter Urban Break and its environmental significance
- b. The subsequent planning implications for land use in this area
- c. History of compliance in the area including observations and any future opportunities to ensure the Inter Urban Break is protected including stronger enforcement
- d. Education strategies that Council could potentially engage in to ensure relevant residents are aware of allowable uses in the area.

Councillor Karen Sherry left the meeting during item 9.1 NOM25/01 Inter Urban Mickleham, the time being 7:40pm and did not vote.

CARRIED

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9.2	NOM25/02 - Cr Sam Misho - Explore Applying Council Rates to Different Classes of Properties	44

Councillor Karen Sherry returned to the meeting during item NOM25/02 Cr Sam Misho – Explore Applying Council Rates to Different Classes of Properties, the time being 7:42pm.

Moved Cr Sam Misho, **Seconded** Cr John Haddad

1. **That Council, as part of the 2026/2027 budget, receive options and scenarios from officers on how differential rating may impact the distribution or allocation of rates across the various classes of properties within Hume.**

CARRIED

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9.3	NOM25/03 - Cr Naim Kurt - Maintenance of median strips on arterial roads in Hume.	46

Moved Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr Jim Overend

THAT Council:

1. **Recognises the importance of amenity and maintenance of arterial streets in enhancing the appearance of Hume City, instilling pride of place among residents, and positively influencing the perception of the municipality.**
2. **Acknowledges that the maintenance of median strips on arterial roads is the responsibility of the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) and not the responsibility of local government.**
3. **Requests officers to provide an update to a future Councillor briefing on:**
 - a) **The current maintenance standards for median strips on state arterial roads within Hume City, as compared to maintenance schedule for municipal roads.**
 - b) **Provides any updates on any further discussions or engagements with the Department of Transport and Planning regarding improvements to maintenance standards for arterial roads.**
4. **Requests that officers undertake a full, comparative costing exercise to determine:**
 - a) **What the cost implications would be for Hume City Council if it were to consider taking on maintenance of median strips along state arterial roads**
 - b) **Whether there would be any Potential cost efficiencies, through economies of scale if Council were to consider this option and what shared funding opportunities would exist with the Department of Transport and Planning to support this.**
 - c) **Options for Council to consider regarding the financial and operational viability of delivering this service, on behalf of the Department**
 - d) **Options for further advocacy to government, including sector-wide efforts and an education campaign to inform the community about government responsibilities for different roads.**
5. **Explores other opportunities for Council to improve the appearance and amenity of arterial roads, including the potential development of a "Beautiful Boulevards Program," to enhance the entryways to suburbs on Council-maintained land.**
6. **Requests that the findings and recommendations from the briefing be presented in a report to a future Council meeting for consideration.**

CARRIED

MINUTES

10. ITEMS TO BE TABLED

Nil

11. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

12. DELEGATES REPORTS

Nil

13. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The Meeting may be closed to members of the public to consider confidential items.

Moved Cr Carly Moore, **Seconded** Cr Steve Gagen

THAT Council close the meeting to the public pursuant to section 66(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* to consider the following items:

8.6 Large Sites Gas Contract

Confidential Attachment: *Large Sites Gas Contract*

13.1 Proposed Licence of part 1079 Pascoe Vale Road Broadmeadows (part ground floor administration offices) to La Trobe University for the purpose of a Study Hub

Item 14.1 is confidential in accordance with Section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020 because it is .

CARRIED

The meeting was closed to the public at 8:15pm.

14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8:23pm.