



**COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE HUME CITY COUNCIL**

MONDAY, 16 DECEMBER 2024

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, 10 February 2025.

HUME CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the

COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL

held on Monday, 16 December 2024

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 Kate Hamley (Online)	
		Cr Sam Misho	
		Cr Carly Moore	
		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	Acting Director City Services & Living
		Mr Adam McSwain	Director Infrastructure and Assets
		Mr Hector Gaston	Director Customer & Strategy
		Ms Claire Tehan	Acting Chief People Officer
		Ms Holly De Kretser	Acting Chief Financial Officer
		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 Clayton Williams, from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, on behalf of the HIN.

Clayton Williams read the following prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father,

As we come together at the commencement of this Hume City Council meeting, we express our gratitude for the hard-working and dedicated council executives, the Mayor, and Councilors. We pray for them and pray that they may be blessed with an added measure of wisdom, strength, and courage as they seek to council together to build a better community. We offer our thanks for the wonderful members of this community. We especially pray for the youth, the elderly, and the needy. We ask that you grant them strength, patience, understanding, peace, and joy as they navigate through their individual challenges.

As we gather in this council, we are reminded of and grateful for the beauty of our differences. We pray that we might recognise and respect the unique perspectives, talents, and experiences that everyone brings. May we cultivate a spirit of love and empathy, embracing one another as fellow children of God.

Father, we express our heartfelt gratitude for the freedom to worship according to the dictates of our conscience. We ask for Thy continued protection of this precious right. May our places of worship be safe havens for spiritual growth, where all may seek solace and inspiration. Help us to work in harmony and with a sense of purpose. May our decisions be guided by wisdom and compassion, fostering a community that promotes love, unity, and progress. We offer this prayer in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.

3. APOLOGIES

Apology is noted for Cr John Haddad.

The CEO noted in accordance with Hume City Council governance rules Cr Kate Hamley is attending online due to clause 77.5.2

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.

5. CONGRATULATIONS AND CONDOLENCES**CGM81 CONGRATULATIONS MOTION: YEAR 12 STUDENTS
VCE ACHIEVEMENTS**

Moved Cr Sam Misho, **Seconded** Cr Carly Moore

That Council through the Mayor write to the year 12 students who received outstanding VCE results. In particular Mr Miran Nona who achieved a 99.55% tertiary score.

CARRIED

**CGM82 CONGRATULATIONS MOTION: HUME SRI LANKAN
SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**

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

That Council through the Mayor write to Mr Siri Wijetunga, president of the Hume Sri Lankan Senior Citizens Association to congratulate them on the successful holding of their Christmas event on the 14 December 2024.

CARRIED

CGM83 CONGRATULATIONS MOTION: MR PIPILE

Moved Cr Carly Moore, **Seconded** Cr Sam Misho

That Council through the Mayor write to the national president of Feskova Australia, Mr Pipile to congratulate and thank the group on the successful running of their annual achievement celebration and fundraising event.

CARRIED

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

7:27 pm Moved Cr Carly Moore, **Seconded** Cr Sam Misho

That standing orders be suspended.

CARRIED

RESUMPTION OF THE MEETING

7:45 pm Moved Cr Carly Moore, **Seconded** Cr Steve Gagen

That the meeting be resumed.

CARRIED

6. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9 December 2024, including Confidential Minutes.

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

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9 December 2024, including Confidential Minutes, be confirmed.

CARRIED

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**PQ1233 PUBLIC QUESTION - KEVIN BALAAM**

Were these paths intended as a replacement for the bike lane on Hume Highway that was removed for the train maintenance and stabling facility's road entrance, or what other measures have been taken in the last ten to fifteen years to compensate for the loss of the Hume Highway bike lane?

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING AND PLACES

Council acknowledges the need for improved cycling connections across the municipality, including around the Hume Highway corridor. While the Hume Highway is managed by VicRoads and the bike lane is a state government matter, the projects mentioned above are part of Council's efforts to improve off-road bicycle connections. Council's Transport Strategy, adopted in 2024, prioritises the creation of low-stress cycling links to make cycling a more inviting and safe option and we look forward to the implementation of this strategy bringing forward more off-road cycling links.

As part of the endorsed Transport Strategy, Council will also be developing precinct-based Transport Plans that will provide opportunities for missing links in the cycling network to be highlighted and prioritised.

Council is seeking partnerships with State Government to continue improving connectivity in open space in this area. Council's Draft Open Space Strategy, placed on community engagement earlier in 2024, also includes actions for Council to partner with the Victorian Government to secure land near the Hume Highway to support creek restoration and connectivity. It also commits to partnering with Yarra Valley Water to provide north-south shared path connection along Amaroo-Lockerbie Pipe Track from Craigieburn Station northward to Merri Creek. The final Open Space Strategy will come to Council for adoption during 2025.

PQ1234 PUBLIC QUESTION - KEVIN BALAAM

Can the Council provide any updates on the extension of the Merri Creek Trail from the M80 Ring Road Trail north, passing through the old Pipeworks site and the Park4MX motocross park, to connect with the existing section of the Merri Creek Trail within the Bolinda Road Landfill site and Galada Tamboore Parklands?

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING AND PLACES

The extension of the Merri Creek Trail from the M80 Ring Road into the Galada Tamboore parklands is a priority project for Council. This is confirmed in the Draft Open Space Strategy 2024 and the endorsed marram baba Merri Creek Parklands Plan 2023.

There are two parcels of land are required for the delivery of trail connection:

- The southern parcel closest to the M80 (old Pipeworks site) has a permit to develop the site. This permit has planning conditions to transfer the creekside land from their development to Council. This is required to happen prior to occupancy which is expected in 2025.
- The second parcel is owned by Council but is currently leased, however is up for renewal. Council is in discussions with the motocross operator for the return of part of the lease area to deliver the Merri Creek trail. This aligns with the special conditions of the lease. Once access to the full path is secured, we can commence investigation.

Council’s marram baba Merri Creek Regional Park program will aim to commence investigations for the trail creation in 2025/26 financial year. This includes ecological, cultural heritage, and land contamination investigations that will inform the design and construction in the following years which is aimed for 2026/27 subject to findings.

8. OFFICERS’ REPORTS

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.1	First Quarter Report 2024/25 - Council Plan Strategic Objectives and Actions	4
	Moved Cr Karen Sherry, Seconded Cr Ally Watson	
	That Council notes the <i>First Quarter Report 2024/25 – Council Plan Strategic Objectives and Actions (Attachment 1).</i>	

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.2	First Quarter Report 2024/25 - Capital Works Program	24
	Moved Cr Carly Moore, Seconded Cr Sam Misho	
	That Council notes the <i>First Quarter Report 2024/25 – Capital Works Program (Attachment 1).</i>	

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.3	First Quarter Report 2024/25 - Budget	44
	Moved Cr Sam Misho, Seconded Cr Carly Moore	
	That Council notes the <i>First Quarter Report 2024/25 – Quarterly Budget Report (Attachment 1).</i>	

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.4	Register of Councillor Delegates and Representatives (2024-2028)	67

Moved Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr Ally Watson

- 2.1 **THAT Council appoints Councillors to the positions designated to them in the register of Councillor Delegates and Representatives (2024-2028), which is provided as Attachment 1 of this report.**
- 2.2 **THAT Council notes:**
 - 2.2.1 **that for completeness, the Councillor Delegates and Representatives (2024-2028) register records appointments that were made at Council's Statutory Meeting which was held on 19 November 2024.**
 - 2.2.2 **that the register of Councillor Delegates and Representatives (2024-2028) will be updated to record appointments made by Council at future Statutory Meetings in this current term of Council, and whenever an appointment recorded in the register is amended by a resolution of Council.**

CARRIED

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8.5	Correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament - August - October 2024	75

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

- 2.1 **That Council:**
 - 2.1.1 **Notes this report on correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament between August and October 2024.**
 - 2.1.2 **Notes that officers have followed up with the relevant offices of the respective State and Federal Government Ministers and Members of Parliament for the matters that have not had a response as outlined in Table 6.**
 - 2.1.3 **Notes that in the coming months that Councillors will participate in briefings to get an understanding of proposed advocacy activities through a new Advocacy Strategy.**

CARRIED

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8.6	Monthly Capital Works Update	148

Moved Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr Ally Watson

2.1 That Council receive and note the report

CARRIED

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8.7	Contract No. 30 24 3543 - Jack Roper Stormwater Harvesting	150

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

2.1 That Council:

- 2.1.1 Resolves to award Contract No. 30 24 3543 to Multipro Civil Pty Ltd.
- 2.1.2 Awards the Contract for the lump sum tendered price of One Million, two hundred and fifty-nine thousand, nine hundred and forty dollars (\$1,259,940.00) GST inclusive.
- 2.1.3 Approves a contingency sum and additional allowance to the value (excl. GST) contained within the confidential attachment
- 2.1.4 Authorises the Director Infrastructure and Assets to finalise and execute the contract documentation.
- 2.1.5 Authorises that variations will be managed in accordance with the Contract Variation Policy.

CARRIED

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

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9.1	NOM24/58 - Cr Carly Moore Craigieburn Sports Stadium Project	155

Moved Cr Carly Moore, **Seconded** Cr Daniel English

THAT Council:

- 1. Officers investigate immediate temporary car parking options and continue the planning and delivery of the Craigieburn sports stadium car park project.
- 2. Officers renew the Craigieburn sports stadium and surrounds masterplan, considering all users of the facility including squash and a detailed asset audit and management plan to prepare to Council.

CARRIED

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9.2	NOM24/59 - Cr Naim Kurt Playspace Upgrade Program	157

Moved Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr Carly Moore

THAT Council:

1. Requests a full and detailed list of all playspaces identified for potential upgrades over the next four years, including those prioritised from the most recent audit process and those anticipated for future audits, and the results of the upgrade program from the previous council term.
2. Requests officers to provide options for how playspace upgrades can be reported to Council, prior to the finalisation of the annual budget process that outlines:
 - a. The results of the annual playspace audit.
 - b. A draft priority list of playspaces recommended for upgrade, along with the rationale for their selection.
 - c. Estimated costs and funding options for the proposed upgrades.
3. Investigates options for how future playspace upgrade contracts and designs can be presented to Council for discussion and endorsement prior to their approval and commencement.
4. Requests officers to provide a briefing note/presentation to a future briefing session regarding playspace renewal timelines, and the financial implications of renewing playground infrastructure sooner for consideration as part of the current budget process.
5. Requests information on how themed, shaded, fenced playspaces and water activities can be considered in the upgrade program, including considerations for accessibility, safety, community needs, and potential funding sources.

CARRIED

10. ITEMS TO BE TABLED

Nil

11. URGENT BUSINESS

The CEO noted that one Item of Urgent Business was received for tonight's meeting.

ADMISSION OF URGENT BUSINESS

Moved Cr Carly Moore, **Seconded** Cr Steve Gagen
That the item be admitted as urgent business

CARRIED

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URGENT BUSINESS – PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA, THE HONOURABLE ANTHONY ALBANESE VISIT TO HUME CITY

Moved Cr Carly Moore, **Seconded** Cr Ally Watson

THAT Council;

- 1. Acknowledge and thank the Prime Minister of Australia, the Honourable Anthony Albanese for visiting Hume City last Friday 13 December and;**
- 2. Thank the wonderful educators and staff at the Craigieburn Early Childhood Services Centre for making the Prime Minister’s visit so warm and welcoming.**

CARRIED

12. DELEGATES REPORTS

Nil

13. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8:51pm.