



**COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE HUME CITY COUNCIL**

MONDAY, 22 JULY 2024

7:00PM

TOWN HALL BROADMEADOWS

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HUME CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL
held on Monday, 22 July 2024
at 7:00pm
at the Town Hall Broadmeadows

Attendees:	a: Council	Cr Naim Kurt Cr Karen Sherry Cr Jarrod Bell Cr Trevor Dance Cr Joseph Haweil Cr Chris Hollow Cr Jodi Jackson Cr Jack Medcraft Cr Sam Misho Cr Carly Moore Cr Jim Overend	Mayor Deputy Mayor
	b: Officers	Ms Sheena Frost Ms Rachel Dapiran Ms Kristen Cherry Mr Adam McSwain Mr Hector Gaston Ms Fiona Shanks Mr Fadi Srour Ms Holly De Krester Ms Jane Mikaele	Chief Executive Officer Director City Planning and Places Act. Director City Services & Living Director Infrastructure and Assets Director Customer & Strategy Chief People Officer Chief Financial Officer Manager Governance 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 Helen Patsikatheodorou OAM, from the Greek Orthodox Church, on behalf of the HIN.

3. APOLOGIES

Nil

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**CGM65****CONGRATULATIONS MOTION –SUNBURY MULTIDECK CAR PARK**

Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, **Seconded** Cr Jack Medcraft

That Council extend its congratulations and thanks to all those involved in the early construction and delivery of the Sunbury Multideck carpark.

CARRIED

CNM393**CONDOLENCE MOTION – KATHLEEN MATHEWS-WARD**

Moved Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr Joseph Haweil

That the Mayor writes to Kathleen Mathews-Ward MP for Broadmeadows and her family on the passing of her father Gary on 18 July 2024.

CARRIED

6. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8 July 2024, including Confidential Minutes.

Moved Cr Chris Hollow, **Seconded** Cr Carly Moore

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 8 July 2024, including Confidential Minutes, be confirmed.

CARRIED

7. ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCIL

Nil

8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**PQ1186 PUBLIC QUESTION - DANIEL ENGLISH**

The Council's Governance rules allow for online attendance at meetings. My question is, what is the additional cost to the Council per meeting, as opposed to a streaming service only, to allow for two-way communication between a Councillor or Councillors online and those physically present in the chamber?

RESPONSE: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Council utilises Zoom to facilitate two-way communication between Councillors and officers for Council meetings and Council briefings. Council has a corporate Zoom account which costs Council \$8,382 per annum covering 30 different licenses. One of these licenses is for Council meetings and Council briefings. With 23 Council meetings in 2023/24 the cost to Council was \$12.14 per meeting.

PQ1187 PUBLIC QUESTION - DANIEL ENGLISH

For each Councillor (2020-2024 term), how many times have they logged on remotely to attend a council meeting instead of physically attending?

RESPONSE: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Thank you for the question. Officers will take this question on notice and will provide a response at the next Council meeting.

PQ1188 PUBLIC QUESTION - AHMED KUCUKALI

Muslim Friday prayers attract a large number of cars on Railway Crescent between King William Cres and Kilmore Cres between 12.15p.m. and 2p.m. on Friday afternoon during winter and 1.15p.m. - 3p.m. during daylight savings. There is currently no standing signs along that strip with limited parking availability.

Is there a particular reason why the area has no standing signs and can council please consider either removing the no standing signs OR changing the signs to no standing except between the hours of 12p.m. - 2p.m. on Fridays.

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE & ASSETS

Railway Crescent between King William Street and Kilmore Crescent has industrial properties on the east side and the railway lines on the west side.

Parking along this section of road is generally permitted along the east side (industrial side) but not on the west side (railway side) apart from a road bend where parking is restricted on both sides for safety reasons.

If parking was permitted on the west side, the width of the road would restrict trucks and they would find it difficult to manoeuvre in or out of the properties they need to service.

Unfortunately, based on the width of the road and the type of vehicles that are required to use the road the existing parking restrictions cannot be removed where they are required to service the industrial properties.

However, Council will investigate to see if there are any opportunities to reduce the extent of parking restrictions.

PQ1188 PUBLIC QUESTION - NATALIE HARRISON

Regarding: Sunbury Multideck Carpark

Can you please advise the original budget cost and what is the current cost to date.

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE & ASSETS

The project budget is \$39.112 Million. Even though the facility is now in use, there are some final invoices and minor works that are yet to be completed, such as the electrical vehicle charging stations. The cost of the project is on track to be within the allocated budget and once final invoices are received an updated response with the final project cost will be sent to the submitter.

PQ1189 PUBLIC QUESTION - CHRIS O'NEILL

At the previous council meeting (8/July) council indicated that the fill operation on Riddells road is operating without approval.

Why are we still seeing 200 trucks a day attending this facility, using local roads and illegally dumping?

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING & PLACES

Council understands this has been a frustrating process for residents of the area and we will endeavour to provide updates as and when we can.

Council officers have been onto the land to conduct an audit of the land use. This is the latest of a number of site inspections undertaken.

The operator has claimed a planning permit exemption applies to works being undertaken. Council officers are seeking to establish if this exemption does apply in conjunction with advice from legal advisors.

Should you have any comment or evidence you may wish to offer that may strengthen the formal action, please do not hesitate to send via email to planninginvestigations@hume.vic.gov.au

9. OFFICERS' REPORTS

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.1	Conserving our Rural Environment Grant (CoRE) Applications for 2024-2025	5

Moved Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr Jarrod Bell

That Council approves the allocation of \$326,168.12 to 42 CoRE grant projects, in accordance with Attachment 1.

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.2	Broadmeadows North Local Area Traffic Management Study	33

Moved Cr Chris Hollow, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

Amendment

That Council:

- 2.1 Adopt the Broadmeadows North Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Study report and Final Traffic Management Plan and Details as shown in Attachment 6.
- 2.2 Allocate \$241,000 from Council's 2025/26 Capital Works Annualised Program – Local Area Traffic Management Facilities for the works listed in Item 1 of Table 1.
- 2.3 Allocate an additional \$80,000 in Council's 2025/26 Capital Works Program to construct speed humps in Stanhope Street
- 2.4 List Items 2 - 4 in Table 1 (valued at \$33,000) for consideration in Council's Responsive Road Safety Works – Operating Budget for future funding.
- 2.5 List Items 5 - 11 in Table 1 (valued at \$1,750,000) for consideration in Council's Capital Works Annualised Program – Traffic Management Facilities for future funding.
- 2.6 Inform the residents within the study area and the online consultation participants of the adopted Broadmeadows North LATM Final Traffic Management Plan (TMP) and Details.
- 2.7 Provide a copy of the adopted Broadmeadows North LATM Final TMP and Details on Council's website for viewing by the public.

CARRIED

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9.3	Westmeadows Local Area Traffic Management Study	81

Moved Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr Chris Hollow

That Council:

- 2.1 Adopt the Westmeadows Area Traffic Management (LATM) Study and Final Traffic Management Plan and Details as shown in Attachment 6.
- 2.2 Allocate \$241,000 from Council's 2025/26 Capital Works Annualised Program – Local Area Traffic Management Facilities for the works listed in Items 1 – 2 of Table 1.
- 2.3 List Items 3-11 in Table 1 (valued at \$89,000) to be listed in Council's Responsive Road Safety Works – Operating Budget for future funding.
- 2.4 List Items 12-16 in Table 1 (valued at \$225,000) to be listed in Council's Capital Works Annualised Program – Footpath Rehabilitation Program for future funding.
- 2.5 Note Item 17 in Table 1, (valued at \$500,000) is proposed to be funded and delivered by the developer of the area west of Wright Street.
- 2.6 Inform the residents within the study area and the online consultation participants of the adopted Westmeadows LATM Final Traffic Management Plan (TMP) and Details
- 2.7 Provide a copy of the adopted Westmeadows LATM Final TMP and Details on Council's website for viewing by the public.

CARRIED

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9.4	Response to NOM24/03 - Australia Day Event Options	119

Moved Cr Trevor Dance, **Seconded** Cr Chris Hollow

THAT Council:

- 2.1 Hosts an Australia Day Park in the Park event on Australia Day, 26 January 2025.
- 2.2 Notes that the Australia Day event in 2025 will be held in Sunbury.
- 2.3 Notes that funding for an Australia Day event will come from the existing Civic Events budget and that no more than \$30,000 (dependent on which option is chosen) will be spent on the event.
- 2.4 Notes that a Citizenship Ceremony will continue to be held as a stand-alone event on Australia Day, 26 January each year.

Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, **Seconded** Cr Jack Medcraft

Amendment

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- 2.3 Notes that funding for an Australia Day event will come from the existing Civic Events budget and that no more than \$30,000 (dependent on which option is chosen) will be spent on the event.
- 2.4 Notes that a Citizenship Ceremony will continue to be held as a stand-alone event on Australia Day, 26 January each year.
- 2.5 Council applies for both the base and additional grant programs as part of Australia Day Community Grants Program, seeking the full \$15,000 of support.

CARRIED

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9.5	Naming Proposal: Noogal Park (Sunbury) Community Consultation Results	123

Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

THAT Council:

- 2.1 Notes the results of community consultation on a proposal to officially name a reserve which is bound by Rupertswood Road, Berrydale Road, Rolling Meadows Drive and The Village Green in Sunbury, Noogal Park.
- 2.2 Endorses the proposed name of Noogal Park for the aforementioned reserve and submits this name to the Registrar of Geographic Names for their consideration and approval.
- 2.3 Notes that the community will be advised of Council's decision on whether to endorse this naming proposal, which will consist of sending correspondence to the same affected property owners and residents who originally received a consultation pack on this proposal, and by placing a notice on Council's website.
- 2.4 Notes that if this proposal is approved by the Registrar of Geographic Names, that signage with the new name will be installed at the reserve.

A division was requested: The result of the division was as follows:

For	Against
Cr Jarrod Bell	Cr Trevor Dance
Cr Joseph Haweil	
Cr Chris Hollow	

Cr Jodi Jackson
Cr Naim Kurt
Cr Jack Medcraft
Cr Sam Misho
Cr Carly Moore
Cr Jim Overend
Cr Karen Sherry

CARRIED

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9.6	Sunbury Aquatic and Leisure Centre Water Play Area	133

Moved Cr Jack Medcraft, **Seconded** Cr Jarrod Bell

Councillor Jim Overend left the meeting during item 9.6 Sunbury Aquatic and Leisure Centre Water Play Area, the time being 8:20pm.

Councillor Jim Overend returned to the meeting during item 9.6 Sunbury Aquatic and Leisure Centre Water Play Area, the time being 8:22pm.

- 2.1 That Council approves the reallocation of \$700,000 (GST exclusive) from within the capital works program to support the delivery of the Sunbury Aquatic and Leisure Centre (SALC) water play project.**

CARRIED

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9.7	Response to NOM24/24 Proposed Amendments to Governance Rules (Community Consultation Results).	137

Moved Cr Carly Moore, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

Councillor Jack Medcraft left the meeting during item 9.7 Response to NOM24/24 Proposed Amendments to Governance Rules (Community Consultation Results), the time being 8:25pm.

Councillor Jack Medcraft returned to the meeting during item 9.7 Response to NOM24/24 Proposed Amendments to Governance Rules (Community Consultation Results), the time being 8:27pm.

That Council:

- 1. Approve the following changes to Council's Governance Rules:**

- a. 72. Chair May Remove**

- i. 72.1 The Chair may order and cause the removal of any person whose words or actions disrupts any meeting or who fails to comply with a direction given under sub-Rule 71.2. It is intended that this power be exercisable by the Chair, without the need for any Council resolution. The Chair may choose to order the removal of a person whose actions immediately threaten the**

stability of the meeting or wrongly threatens the Chair's authority in chairing the meeting.

- ii. 72.2 The Chair may, pursuant to section 19(1)(b) of the Act, direct a Councillor to leave a Council meeting if the behavior of the Councillor is preventing Council from conducting its business.

A division was requested: The result of the division was as follows:

For

Cr Jarrod Bell
Cr Joseph Haweil
Cr Chris Hollow
Cr Naim Kurt
Cr Jack Medcraft
Cr Sam Misho
Cr Carly Moore
Cr Jim Overend
Cr Karen Sherry

Against

Cr Trevor Dance
Cr Jodi Jackson

CARRIED

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9.8	Correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament - June 2024	141

Moved Cr Jack Medcraft, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

Councillor Jodi Jackson left the meeting during item 9.8 Correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament - June 2024, the time being 8:42pm.

Councillor Jodi Jackson returned to the meeting during item 9.8 Correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament - June 2024, the time being 8:43pm.

That Council notes this report on correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament.

CARRIED

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9.9	Monthly Capital Works Update	255

Moved Cr Chris Hollow, **Seconded** Cr Jarrod Bell

Councillor Jim Overend left the meeting during item 9.9 Monthly Capital Works Update, the time being 8:53pm.

Councillor Jim Overend returned to the meeting during item 9.9 Monthly Capital Works Update, the time being 8:54pm.

2.1 That Council receive and note the report

- 2.2 Note that a detailed end of 23/24 Capital Program Review will be brought to a Council Briefing in August 2024

CARRIED

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
10.1	NOM24/34 - Cr Joseph Haweil	257

Moved Cr Joseph Haweil, **Seconded** Cr Sam Misho

That Council:

1. Writes to the Department of Transport and Planning and Major Road Projects Victoria seeking advice on the anticipated completion and opening of the Fleetwood Drive and Somerton Road intersection, noting the ongoing frustration of Greenvale and Hume City residents and the impact that lengthy road works and closures have on their quality of life.

Moved Cr Chris Hollow, **Seconded** Cr Carly Moore

Amendment

1. Writes to the Department of Transport and Planning and Major Road Projects Victoria seeking advice on the anticipated completion and opening of the Fleetwood Drive and Somerton Road intersection, noting the ongoing frustration of Greenvale and Hume City residents and the impact that lengthy road works and closures have on their quality of life.
2. Officers contact both the Department of Transport and Jemena via follow up phone call to understand when the project will be completed by and what the holdup is.
3. Invite someone from both Department of Transport and Jemena to a Greenvale Residents Association meeting to explain the ongoing issues with the associated road works, provide timelines and explain what works are to be completed for Fleetwood Drive/Somerton Road intersection.

CARRIED

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10.2	NOM24/35 - Cr Trevor Dance	259

Moved Cr Trevor Dance, **Seconded** Cr Carly Moore

That:

1. **Officers report back to council on how many housing commission and/or public housing homes/properties are currently empty/unoccupied in Hume City Council.**

CARRIED

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10.3	NOM24/36 - Cr Jack Medcraft	261

Moved Cr Jack Medcraft, **Seconded** Cr Jarrod Bell

Councillor Jim Overend left the meeting during Item 10.3 NOM24/36 – Cr Jack Medcraft, the time being 9:18pm.

Councillor Jim Overend returned to the meeting during Item 10.3 NOM24/36 – Cr Jack Medcraft, the time being, the time being 9:19pm.

That Council take steps to address community concerns regarding Common Myna birds including:

1. **Writing to the State Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos to advocate for a statewide approach to eradicating Common Myna birds**
2. **Supporting the development of a Common Myna bird community action group**
3. **As part of the upcoming review of the Living with Wildlife Procedure that it includes a collaborative approach with neighbouring Councils to manage Common Myna birds.**

A division was requested: The result of the division was as follows:

For

Cr Jarrod Bell
Cr Joseph Haweil
Cr Chris Hollow
Cr Naim Kurt
Cr Jack Medcraft
Cr Sam Misho
Cr Carly Moore
Cr Jim Overend
Cr Karen Sherry

Against

Cr Trevor Dance
Cr Jodi Jackson

CARRIED

MINUTES

11. ITEMS TO BE TABLED

Nil

12. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

13. DELEGATES REPORTS

Nil

14. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

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

Moved Cr Chris Hollow, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

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

9.5 Naming Proposal: Noogal Park (Sunbury) Community Consultation Results

- Confidential Attachment - Noogal Park (Sunbury) Community Consultation Results

9.7 Response to NOM24/24 Proposed Amendments to Governance Rules (Community Consultation Results).

- Confidential Attachment – Proposed changes to Council's Governance Rules community engagement results

9.9 Monthly Capital Works Update

- Confidential Attachment – Monthly Capital Works Report - June 2024

14.1 Contract No. 30 24 3516 - Parks Horticulture and Landscape Maintenance

Item 14.1 is confidential in accordance with Section 3(1)(g(ii)) of the Local Government Act 2020 because it is private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

The specified grounds apply because this report contains contractual matters.

14.2 Contract No. 30 24 3526 - SALC Water Play Area

Item 14.2 is confidential in accordance with Section 3(1)(g(ii)) of the Local Government Act 2020 because it is private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

The specified grounds apply because this report contains contractual matters.

CARRIED

MINUTES

The meeting was closed to the public at 9.21pm.

The meeting was not reopened to the public.

16. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9:25pm.