



**COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE HUME CITY COUNCIL**

MONDAY, 24 MARCH 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, 14 April 2025.

HUME CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the

COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL

held on Monday, 24 March 2025

at 7:03pm

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	
		Cr Jim Overend	
		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 Joanne Grindrod	Senior 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

The Mayor read the following:

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 Rezvanieh Newton, from the Baha'i Community, on behalf of the HIN.

Ms Newton read the following prayer:

O God, Almighty Protector! O Thou Who art the confirmer of every just power and equitable empire in eternal glory, everlasting power, continuance, and greatness! Strengthen with the abundance of Thy mercy every government which acts with equity towards its subjects, and every dominion under whose flag the poor and weak find protection.

We ask Thee by Thy holiness and bounty to pour out Thy blessing upon this government which has stretched its tent over citizens from every land, that its inhabitants, its industries, its territories may be penetrated by justice.

O God! Strengthen its executives, give authority and influence to its word and utterance, protect its territories and dominions, guard its reputation, make its ideals to echo throughout the world, reveal its traces and exalt its principles by Thy conquering power and wonderful might throughout the kingdoms of creation.

Thou art the confirmer of whomsoever Thou willest. Verily, Thou art the powerful and the mighty!

3. APOLOGIES

Cr Karen Sherry was an apology for this meeting.

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.

Cr Carly Moore declared a conflict of interest in Item 8.8 Donnybrook Road Submission and item 8.12 Correspondence due to her intention to run as a candidate in the Federal election and disclose a conflict of interest with any item that includes advocacy to the Federal Government.

5. CONGRATULATIONS AND CONDOLENCES

CGM91

CONGRATULATIONS MOTION: KOLBE CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPENING OF THE NEW STEM CENTRE

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

That Council congratulate Kolbe Catholic College on the dedication, blessing and opening of their STEM block.

CARRIED

CGM92 CONGRATULATIONS MOTION: THE AUSTRALIAN CHALDEAN COMMUNITY – 7325 NEW YEAR

Moved Cr Sam Misho, **Seconded** Cr Jim Overend

That Council congratulate the Australian Chaldean community in Hume, across Australia and across the world for the 7325 New Year.

CARRIED

CGM93 CONGRATULATIONS MOTION: SUNFEST FESTIVAL

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

That Council write a letter to the organisers and volunteers of Sunbury Sunfest event which was held on 15 March 2025.

CARRIED

CNM396 CONDOLENCE MOTION - KUBILAY GENÇ

Moved Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr John Haddad

That Hume City Council passes on its condolences on the passing of respected community figure, Kubilay Genç.

CARRIED

6. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting of 11 March 2025.

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

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting of 11 March 2025, be confirmed.

CARRIED

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

PQ1243 PUBLIC QUESTION - ABDULHAKIM ELMİ

Last year, Council awarded the reconstruction of Geach Street, Dallas to AMH Civil.

At Geach St, the contractor works are of a poor quality, the reinstatement of nature strips was not done properly with weeds taking hold. The area that was used as the site compound by the contractor was not reinstated properly with multiple complaints being put into council for them to reinstate the fencing that was damaged by the contractor and reseed the area as weeds have now taken hold.

Tonight, a report is being presented to Council recommending that AMH Civil be awarded the reconstruction of Oaklands Road. Has this recommendation taken into account the complaints received from residents at Geach St, the poor quality of works delivered and will Council hold the contractor accountable to fix the remaining items at Geach Street before awarding another project to this contractor.

Response: Director Infrastructure & Assets

The reconstruction of Oaklands Road is a different type of project to Geach Street and will be constructed in an area with less residential interface.

Geach Street was also a project that required a level of re-design throughout its construction to cater for services which contributed to delivery timeframes and some customer complaints.

Remaining items on the Geach Street project are being successfully resolved between Council and the contractor. These are largely amenity type issues and Council will ensure all relevant issues are resolved.

For the Oaklands Road project, a detailed procurement process has been followed to assess and provide a recommendation for the project's delivery.

As with all projects, a Project Manager will oversee the construction of this project and ensure suitable controls are put in place to deliver the project.

The works are required to be completed by 30 June 2025 and the recommended contractor has confirmed their availability to complete the project within the required timeline.

PQ1244 PUBLIC QUESTIONS - ABDULHAKIM ELM I

On Friday 11th of October 2024, AMH Civil closed off the intersection at Sylvester Parade and McPherson Avenue in Roxburgh Park to all traffic. It should be noted that works at this site did not commence until the following Monday. Over that weekend, road users moved the water barriers to drive through the intersection creating hazardous traffic conditions.

Why was the contractor allowed to close off a collector road days before any works commenced on site and why wasn't any action taken over that weekend to open the intersection and what action has been taken by Council to prevent something like this from happening again?

Response: Director Infrastructure & Assets

Council aims to ensure contractors deliver value for Council and the community and that where possible all road closures are minimised as much as possible.

Information on the history of this project wasn't available today and will be followed up in the next few days. A detailed response will be provided once this information has been received.

PQ1245 PUBLIC QUESTION - JOHN MITCHELL

For 34 years rubbish is not being picked up on the nature strip. Why can't a truck go and pick up rubbish every week. I have been asking for 34 years.

Response: Director Infrastructure & Assets

Council has 6 flying crews and trucks who collect dumped rubbish every week. Across the last 12 months they have attended to over 7,500 jobs

As much as possible, Council proactively attends to sites where there is dumped rubbish.

We do, however, also rely on members of the public to report dumped rubbish to assist staff to identify all incidents.

Response times vary depending on the volume of reports Council is receiving at the time. Currently, the average response time is 4 weeks for dumped rubbish which is not posing a danger to public safety.

If you have reported dumped rubbish that has not been collected, please provide the reference number for the report and officers will investigate.

PQ1246 PUBLIC QUESTION - JOHN MITCHELL

Every Friday cars drive over foot paths at Hudson Circuit and park on nature strip. There are caravans and trucks parked along blocking roads. Why don't council officers come and inspect and issue infringements.

Response: Director City Services and Living

Council's Parking Officers do conduct regular patrols along Hudson Circuit to ensure vehicles are parked in compliance with road rules and parking regulations. In addition to these scheduled patrols, officers are also deployed in response to reports from residents regarding non-compliant vehicles. During these inspections, any vehicles found to be parked in contravention of the road rules are issued infringements, as appropriate. It is important to note that under the road rules, trucks and caravans may be permitted to park on the road lawfully, provided they are registered and adhere to applicable time limits.

8. OFFICERS' REPORTS

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.1	Enhancing Council's Response to Illegally Dumped Waste Moved Cr Naim Kurt, Seconded Cr Sam Misho 2.1 That Council: 2.1.1 Notes the success of the Waste Response program and the positive impact it has had on the community and Hume's reputation within the waste industry. 2.1.2 Approves the continuation of the Waste Response program beyond 30 January 2026, making this program a permanent resource. (a) Notes that the 2025/26 draft budget includes \$931,574 to retain the Waste Response program throughout 2025/26 2.1.3 Notes that Officers will trial new solutions, including vehicle and technology changes, to increase the efficiency of the Litter and Dumped rubbish group with the objective of reducing request response times.	5
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8.2	Response to Notice of Motion (NOM24/25) - former Councillor Jack Medcraft - Graffiti Management Policy Review	27

Moved Cr Kate Hamley, **Seconded** Cr Daniel English

That Council:

- 2.1 Endorses the draft Graffiti Management Policy for stakeholder and community feedback.**
 - 2.1.1 Notes that this review has been undertaken out of cycle, arising from a Councillor Notice of Motion.**
 - 2.1.2 Notes that the actions Council can take to remove or obliterate Graffiti are limited by the requirements of the Graffiti Prevention Act 2007.**
- 2.2 Following the consultation period, considers the final Graffiti Management Policy for final endorsement at a future Council meeting.**
- 2.3 Prior to completion of part 2.2, requests officers to bring further advice to a Council Briefing on the following two items**
 - 2.3.1 The feasibility for Council to consider a full or partial fee for service model to extend graffiti removal to private property.**
 - 2.3.2 Consideration of an annual process to receive written approval from private property owners adjoining public spaces and public open spaces that provides Council with consent to remove graffiti**

CARRIED

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8.3	Response to Notice of Motion (NOM24/13) - Councillor Jim Overend - Feasibility Study into Public Skip Bins	39

Moved Cr Jim Overend, **Seconded** Cr Sam Misho

That Council:

- 2.1 Endorses the findings of the Feasibility Study on the provision of communal bins/skips in key locations across Hume in response to Notice of Motion 24/13, noting that:**
 - 2.1.1 The feasibility study concluded this service should not be considered further due to the financial and resource implications, and substantial risks posed.**
- 2.2 Notes that Council already provides extensive, customer-focused bulk waste services entitlements, exceeding those provided by other Victorian local governments.**
- 2.3 Notes the alternative option for a quarterly drop-off day in the north-east of the municipality.**
 - 2.3.1 Considers a 12-month trial of this option in the 2025/26 Budget process, with an anticipated cost of \$160,852 (ex. GST) per annum.**

CARRIED

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8.4	Response to NOM 24/31: Options for improving the promotion of Hume's historical sites of significance	59

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

That Council:

- 2.1 Notes the findings of the investigation into options for improving the promotion of Hume's historical sites of significance.
- 2.2 Notes the options presented in section 6 (Financial & Resource Implications) and refers the identified promotional costs to Council's budget process for consideration.

CARRIED

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8.5	Proposed Planning Scheme Amendment C237 2 Northcorp Boulevard Broadmeadows Rezoning	65

Moved Cr Steve Gagen, **Seconded** Cr Naim Kurt

- 2.1. Seeks Authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare and exhibit Planning Scheme Amendment C237hume to rezone land at 2 Northcorp Boulevard, Broadmeadows from Special Use Zone Schedule 5 to Commercial 2 Zone generally in accordance with Attachment 5, pursuant to Section 8A of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.
- 2.2. Authorise City Strategy officers to make any necessary changes to the relevant documentation to comply with any Conditions of Authorisation, and subject to Ministerial Authorisation, to prepare and exhibit Planning Scheme Amendment C237hume to the Hume Planning Scheme as prescribed under Section 19 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.
- 2.3 Note the delegation of City Strategy officers to consider any submissions received in relation to Amendment C237hume, in accordance with Section 22 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.
- 2.4 Note the delegation of the CEO to refer all submissions to an independent panel appointed by the Minister for Planning, if required, in accordance with Section 23 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.
- 2.5 Note the delegation of City Strategy officers to represent Council in accordance with Section 24 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, including authorising officers to negotiate and resolve issues raised during the Planning Panel process prior to Amendment C237hume being reported back to Council for consideration.

CARRIED

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8.6	Final Aitken Creek Masterplan	103

Sheena Frost, CEO read out a public comment in favour of the recommendation from Mr Kevin Balaam.

Moved Cr Carly Moore, **Seconded** Cr Daniel English
That the item be deferred.

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.7	Council Induction Program	137

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

That Council note the report, confirming all Councillors have met the requirements under section 32 of the Local Government Act 2020.

CARRIED

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8.8	Donnybrook Road Submission	141

Cr Moore declared a conflict of interest on item 8.8 *Donnybrook Road Submission* as I will continue to declare a conflict of interest with any item that includes any advocacy to the Federal Government.

Councillor Carly Moore left the meeting, the time being 8.09pm.

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

That Council:

Approves the attached submission to Major Roads Projects Victoria with the following amendments:

1. In the executive Summary:

Insert ‘Council acknowledges that the Federal and State Government’s have announced \$125m of funding to upgrade part of Donnybrook Road between Mitchell Street and Dwyer Street.

2. In the Recommendation:

Changing Stage 1 to “Duplication of Donnybrook Road from the northern Freeway exit (east of Polaris Road) to Mitchell Street which includes the overpass over the Hume Freeway.”

2.1.2 Provides a copy of the submission to:

(a) the State Member for Kalkallo,

- (b) the Victorian Minister for Roads and Road Safety,
- (c) the Victorian Shadow Minister for Roads and Road Safety,
- (d) Members for Northern Metropolitan Region,
- (e) the Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government,
- (f) the Federal Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development and
- (g) the candidates for the Federal electorate of McEwen and Calwell.

CARRIED

Councillor Carly Moore returned to the meeting after discussion on item 8.8 *Donnybrook Road Submission*, the time being 8:20pm.

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8.9	Contract No. 30 24 3598 - Road Reconstruction of Oaklands Road, Oaklands Junction between Vehicle Crossings No. 365 and 395	155

Moved Cr Steve Gagen, **Seconded** Cr Kate Hamley

2.1 That Council:

- 2.1.1 Resolves to award Contract No. 30 24 3598 to AMH Civil Pty Ltd.
- 2.1.2 Awards the Contract for the lump sum tendered price of one million and three hundred and seventy-eight thousand, three hundred and twenty-two dollars and sixty-nine cents (\$1,378,322.69) inclusive of GST.
- 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

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8.10	Grand Boulevard and Hume Highway - Proposed Left-turn Slip Lane	163

Sheena Frost, CEO read out a public comment against the recommendation from Mr Kevin Balaam.

Councillor Steve Gagen left the meeting, the time being 8:23pm.

Councillor Jim Overend left the meeting, the time being 8:25pm.

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

Councillor Steve Gagen returned to the meeting during discussion on Item 8.10 *Grand Boulevard and Hume Highway - Proposed Left-turn Slip Lane*, the time being 8:27pm.

Councillor Jim Overend returned to the meeting during discussion on Item 8.10 *Grand Boulevard and Hume Highway - Proposed Left-turn Slip Lane*, the time being 8:28pm.

That Council:

- 2.1 notes that the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) is the responsible authority for the management of the traffic signal intersection of Hume Highway, Grand Boulevard and Amaroo Road.
- 2.2 notes that the western leg of Grand Boulevard at the intersection of the Hume Highway does not have a separate left-turn slip lane which has been provided on all other approaches. The left-turn movement is shared with a through-lane resulting in longer delays and queues.
- 2.3 notes traffic modelling shows that the operation and performance of the Grand Boulevard western leg and the overall intersection would be significantly improved by the implementation of a left-turn slip lane. The estimated cost to install the left-turn slip lane is \$1,300,000 excluding GST.
- 2.4 notes traffic modelling shows that the operation and performance of the Grand Boulevard western leg and the overall intersection would further improve by the implementation of an additional separate right-turn lane in conjunction with a left-turn slip lane.
- 2.5 officers undertake additional investigations to determine the viability of a right-turn treatment in addition to the proposed left-turn slip lane. If viable, this is to be included future advocacy in line with recommendation 2.6.
- 2.6 list the proposal as a strategic Council advocacy project to pursue future state and federal funding opportunities.

CARRIED

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8.11	Monthly Capital Works Update	178

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

2.1 That Council receive and note the report.

Councillor Ally Watson left the meeting during discussion on item 8.11 *Monthly Capital Works Update*, and did not vote on the item the time being 8:29 pm.

CARRIED

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8.12	Correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament - February 2025	180

Cr Moore declared a conflict of interest on item 8:12 *Correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament - February 2025* as it relates to advocacy to the federal government

Councillor Carly Moore left the meeting, the time being 8:31pm.

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

Councillor Ally Watson returned to the meeting during discussion on item 8.12 *Correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament - February 2025*, the time being 8:32pm.

2.1 That Council:

- 2.1.1 **Notes this report on correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament in February 2025.**
- 2.1.2 **Notes that every two months that Councillors will be updated on those matters that are yet to receive a response from State and Federal Government Ministers and Members of Parliament.**

CARRIED

Councillor Carly Moore returned to the meeting after the vote on item 8.12 *Correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament - February 2025*, the time being 8:39pm.

Cr Steve Gagen left the meeting the time being 8:39pm.

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.1	NOM25/12 - Cr Carly Moore - Traffic investigation at the intersection of Hume Highway and Rushwood Drive.	196

Moved Cr Carly Moore, **Seconded** Cr Jim Overend

Cr Steve Gagen returned to the meeting during discussion on report 9.1 *NOM25/12 - Cr Carly Moore - Traffic investigation at the intersection of Hume Highway and Rushwood Drive*, the time being 8:41pm

That

- 1. Council officers prepare a report on the possibility of providing for a pedestrian crossing and/or intersection**

signalisation at the intersection of the Hume Highway and Rushwood Drive, to enable access from Craigieburn Station to the Sri Guru Singh Sabha Temple.

2. The report should include:
 - a. Assessment of the feasibility of either pedestrian or intersection signals.
 - b. Evaluation of the benefits of a pedestrian crossing or full intersection signalisation.
 - c. Identification of potential funding sources.
3. The traffic investigation should include the busiest times of Wednesday evening and Sunday morning & afternoon.

CARRIED

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9.2	NOM25/13 - Cr Karen Sherry - Olsen Place Accessibility	197

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

That this motion be deferred to the next meeting.

CARRIED

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9.3	NOM25/14 - Cr Sam Misho - Investigation into pick up and drop off zone on Southern Cross Drive Roxburgh Park	198

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

That officers prepare a report on the options to improve the capacity for drop off and pick up of students at Good Samaritan Catholic Primary School on Southern Cross Drive, Roxburgh Park, including options for utilisation of the Council-owned land to the north of the school.

CARRIED

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9.4	NOM25/15 - Cr Naim Kurt - Enhancing Gladstone Park Shopping Centre and Surrounding Precinct	199

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

That Council:

Under Section 20 of the Hume City Council Governance rules that this this item be moved to the end of the queue to allow members of the public to speak to this item.

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.5	NOM25/16 - Cr John Haddad - Enhancements to Buchan Street Reserve Community Centre, Usage Rates of the Reserve, and Development of a Futsal Centre	201

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

That Council resolves to:

1. Investigate and report on potential enhancements to the Buchan Street Reserve Community Centre to ensure the facility meets the evolving needs of the community, including:
 - a. Upgrading amenities and infrastructure.
 - b. Exploring opportunities for expanded programming and community engagement.
 - c. Identifying potential funding sources for improvements.
2. Review and report on the current and projected future usage rates of Buchan Street Reserve, including:
 - a. Assessment of existing bookings and community demand.
 - b. Identification of opportunities to optimize space usage and improve access for various groups.
3. Explore the feasibility of developing a futsal centre at Buchan Street Reserve, including:
 - a. Conducting a needs analysis for indoor and outdoor futsal facilities.
 - b. Assessing site suitability and potential design options.
 - c. Identifying funding and partnership opportunities with relevant sporting bodies and government agencies.
4. Include the findings in a report to be presented at a future Council meeting, outlining recommendations for Council's consideration.

CARRIED

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9.6	NOM25/17 - Cr John Haddad - Commemorating the Centenary of Ford Motor Company of Australia through Public Art and Precinct Recognition	202

Moved Cr John Haddad, **Seconded** Cr Jim Overend

Councillor Daniel English left the meeting during discussion on the item NOM25/17 Cr John Haddad - Commemorating the Centenary of Ford Motor Company of Australia through Public Art and Precinct Recognition, the time being 9:01pm.

Councillor Daniel English returned to the meeting during discussion on the item *NOM25/17 Cr John Haddad - Commemorating the Centenary of Ford Motor Company of Australia through Public Art and Precinct Recognition*, the time being 9:02pm.

That Council:

1. **Recognises the centenary of the Ford Motor Company of Australia and acknowledges the significant role of the Broadmeadows Assembly Plant in Australia's automotive manufacturing history, as well as Ford Australia's continued role in Hume as the Asian Hub for global automotive design.**
2. **Investigates opportunities within Hume's public art program to install bronze statues honouring classic Ford vehicles, including the Ford Falcon and other iconic models produced at the Broadmeadows Assembly Plant in tribute to the city's rich automotive heritage, similar to the cricket busts produced as part of the Ashes Heroes Collection in Sunbury**
3. **Engages with relevant stakeholders including Ford Australia, former workers, and the broader community and to explore suitable locations, designs, and funding opportunities.**
4. **Explores additional ways to recognise and strengthen Hume's automotive history and the Ford name within the Fordgate shopping precinct, including the potential installation of GT statues, heritage markers, murals, or other commemorative elements to enhance the tourism and economic value of this activity centre precinct.**
5. **Receives a report from officers outlining potential concepts, costs, and funding avenues for these initiatives.**

CARRIED

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9.7	NOM25/18 - Cr Naim Kurt - Hume Central Precinct investigation into a Ramadan Night Market	203

Sheena Frost, CEO read out a comment from Kathleen Matthews-Ward on item 9.7 *NOM25/18 - Cr Naim Kurt - Hume Central Precinct investigation into a Ramadan Night Market*.

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

THAT Hume City Council:

1. **Recognises that Hume is one of Australia's most diverse municipalities, home to many cultures and faiths, including a significant Muslim community that observes Ramadan each year.**
2. **Investigates the feasibility of establishing a Hume Night Market during Ramadan, to be held in the Hume Central precinct.**

3. Explores options for the market to operate on a limited basis, such as Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights during the first two weeks of Ramadan.
4. Investigates funding opportunities and potential partners, including sponsorship, state government support, local community partners and funding through the Victorian Multicultural Commission.
5. Considers opportunities to promote the market as a cultural and tourism attraction, highlighting Hume's diversity and encouraging local and visitor participation.

CARRIED

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9.8	NOM25/19 - Cr Sam Misho - Advocacy letter to request greater protection for property purchases.	205

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

That Council writes to the Minister for Consumer Affairs, the Hon. Nick Staikos MP, to advocate for greater protections of property purchasers in the property transactions.

This should focus on setting clearer identification of building work conducted without necessary approvals by:

1. **Making vendors responsible to obtain the necessary permits prior to settlement, or**
2. **The purchaser is made aware and accepts that the property fixtures and structures require permits transferring the responsibility to the buyer**
3. **This initiative could be easily achieved through the conveyancers, and it is a great initiative to reduce burden on vulnerable people purchasing property.**

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
	NOM25/15 - Cr Naim Kurt - Enhancing Gladstone Park Shopping Centre and Surrounding Precinct	199

9.4 Cr Bell returned to item 9.4 to consider NOM25/15 Cr Naim Kurt - Enhancing Gladstone Park Shopping Centre and Surrounding Precinct.

Bryan Rooke and Maddie Olerenshaw presented to the gallery in favour of NOM25/15 - *Cr Naim Kurt - Enhancing Gladstone Park Shopping Centre and Surrounding Precinct*

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

That Hume City Council:

1. **Recognises the importance of small shopping precincts and activity centres to the local economy in fostering pride of place and strengthening community connections and identity of local suburbs.**

2. **As part of the Hume Places Program, investigates opportunities to support revitalisation, enhancements, beautification, and amenity improvements at Gladstone Park Shopping Centre and the surrounding area, which are within Council's remit, to support local businesses and encourage greater economic activity at the centre.**
Potential opportunities may include:
 - a. **Additional murals and public art installations.**
 - b. **Garden treatments and landscaping on Council-owned land.**
 - c. **Small-scale planter boxes and parklets in underutilised parking spaces to encourage outdoor dining.**
 - d. **Economic development incentives to support business-led initiatives such as shopfront improvements and centre clean-ups.**
3. **Engages with centre management regarding urgent maintenance issues, including leaky roofs within the shopping centre and potholes or structural issues in the car park, to advocate for necessary repairs and improvements.**
4. **Conducts a survey of the broader community and engages with centre management and business owners to identify ways in which the shopping precinct can be enhanced to better serve local residents and businesses.**
5. **In the longer term, explores opportunities to attract a retail developer to acquire and redevelop the strata-owned shopping centre for long-term revitalisation.**

CARRIED

10. ITEMS TO BE TABLED

10.1 PETITION - Parking spots in Redcliffs Crescent, Roxburgh Park

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

That the petition/joint letter be received, circulated to Councillors, and the first named signatory of the petition joint letter be advised that the matter has been referred to the Manager, Assets.

CARRIED

11. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

12. DELEGATES REPORTS

Nil.

MINUTES

13. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The Meeting was not required to be closed to members of the public to consider confidential items.

15. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9:46pm.