



**COUNCIL MEETING OF  
THE HUME CITY COUNCIL**

**MONDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**7.00PM**

**TOWN HALL BROADMEADOWS**

**CONFIRMED - 9 OCTOBER 2023**



# HUME CITY COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL

held on Monday, 25 September 2023

at 7.00pm

at the Town Hall Broadmeadows

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Attendees:	a: Council	Cr Joseph Haweil Cr Karen Sherry Cr Jarrod Bell Cr Trevor Dance Cr Chris Hollow Cr Naim Kurt Cr Jack Medcraft Cr Sam Misho Cr Carly Moore	Mayor Deputy Mayor
	b: Officers	Ms Sheena Frost Ms Rachel Dapiran Mr Hector Gaston Mr Adam McSwain Mr Carl Muller Ms Fiona Shanks Mr Fadi Srour Mr Joel Kimber Ms Jane Mikaele	Chief Executive Officer Director City Planning and Places Director City Services & Living Director Infrastructure and Assets Director Customer & Strategy Chief People Officer Chief Financial Officer Acting Governance Manager Governance Officer

### Proceedings to be Recorded

The Mayor reminded Councillors and members of the Gallery that an audio 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 reminded the gallery that Council's Governance Rules requires the gallery to be silent at all times, and that members of the gallery must not interject or take part in the debate. Any person who is called to order, may be asked to leave the Chamber. The Mayor advised that notwithstanding this, 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 recognises the rich Aboriginal heritage within the municipality and acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung, which includes the Gunung Willam Balluk clan, as the Traditional Custodians of this land.

Council embraces Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander living cultures as a vital part of Australia's identity and recognises, celebrates and pays respect to the existing family members of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung and to Elders past, present and future."

## 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 President Tassie Metusela, the 2nd Councillor in the Melbourne Australia Craigieburn Stake, Stake Presidency, from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints community on behalf of the Hume Interfaith Network.

Councillor Jack Medcraft left the meeting during the prayer, the time being 7:02pm.

Tassie Metusela read the prayer:

"Dear Heavenly Father, we come before thee with humble hearts at the commencement of this Hume City Council meeting. We express our gratitude for the opportunity to convene this evening and we are grateful for the hard-working and dedicated council representatives. 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 youth and rising generation that reside within the City of Hume. They are the hope and promise of the future, and we pray for blessings upon them. May they be guided by Thy Spirit and nurtured by loving families, growing in strength and virtue, becoming shining examples of faith and kindness.

We acknowledge the sanctity of the family as the foundation of society. We pray for families in all their diverse forms, knowing that in Thy loving plan, each family is cherished. Strengthen them in times of trial, grant them patience and understanding, and help them find joy in their sacred responsibilities.

Dear Father, may you lift the mothers in our community. They play a unique and irreplaceable role in our families and society. We pray for their well-being, that they may feel Thy love and care as they fulfill their sacred responsibilities. Grant them strength, patience, and wisdom in nurturing and guiding their children. May they always know how cherished and appreciated they are for the sacrifices they make and the love they bestow.

As we gather in this council, we are reminded of the beauty of differences among us. We 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, not only for us

but for all people across the globe. 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 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, Amen.

Councillor Jack Medcraft returned to the meeting following the prayer, the time being 7:04pm.

### 3. APOLOGIES

Cr Jim Overend and Cr Jodi Jackson were apologies for this meeting.

### 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

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 disclosed a conflict of interest in relation to Confidential Item 13.2 - Contract Road Maintenance and Associated Services (Northern Councils Alliance Collaborative Tender 2602/0336) as she is employed by one of the businesses named in the tender.

### 5. CONGRATULATIONS & CONDOLENCES

#### CGM35 CONGRATLATIONS MOTION – SUNBURY LIONS FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

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

Councillor Jack Medcraft left the meeting during Congratulations Motion – Sunbury Lions Football Netball Club, the time being 7:07pm.

Councillor Jack Medcraft returned to the meeting during Congratulations Motion – Sunbury Lions Football Netball Club, the time being 7:08pm.

**Council wishes to congratulate the football and netball players of the Sunbury Lions Football Netball Club on their premiership wins over the weekend in Ballarat.**

**CARRIED**

### 6. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting of 11 September 2023 including Confidential Minutes, be confirmed.

**Moved** Cr Jarrod Bell, **Seconded** Cr Carly Moore

**THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting of 11 September 2023 including Confidential Minutes, be confirmed.**

**CARRIED**

**7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME****PQ1040 PUBLIC QUESTION - CHRIS FEILLAFE**

The Victorian Council of Social Services has published their Mapping poverty in Victoria insights Report and SIX of the top 20 locations identified with severe place-based disadvantage are in the City of Hume (CoH). SIX!

How is the CoH addressing this place-based disadvantage?

**RESPONSE: DIRECTOR, CITY SERVICES AND LIVING**

Council recognises our community's social and economic disparities and is committed to addressing these challenges. Social Justice is a central basis for policy and service planning at Hume. Our Social Justice Charter highlights Council's dedication to creating a more equitable community whereby all residents' standards of access and inclusion are improved, and policies, programs, and services delivered by Council support equity and fairness.

To support these principles into action, Council have developed a range of comprehensive plans and strategies encompassing service and infrastructure improvements to address social and economic disadvantage. These include but are not limited to:

- Council Plan & Community Vision 2021 – 2025
- Health & Wellbeing Plan 2021 - 2025
- Affordable Housing Policy 2021

The fundamental objective of this multidisciplinary approach is to build a stronger foundation for our community, one that fosters inclusivity and empowers individuals to overcome social and economic difficulties.

Addressing social and economic disadvantage remains a persistent challenge that requires sustained, long-term investment. Effective solutions require collaborative efforts and partnerships across all levels of government, as Council alone cannot tackle this challenge.

Council will continue to advocate to the state and federal governments on behalf of our community for increased investment and resources that effectively address social/economic disadvantage in our city.

**PQ1041 PUBLIC QUESTION - CHRIS FEILLAFE**

How much funding has the CoH allocated in the next 3-5 financial years to specifically to address poverty?

**RESPONSE: DIRECTOR, CITY SERVICES AND LIVING**

Council continues to invest in a range of services and initiatives to address many factors that contribute to poverty. As part of the 2023/24 annual budget, Council will significantly invest in libraries, leisure centres, preschools, maternal and child health and aged and disability programs.

This is complemented by a four-year capital works program investment in city infrastructure, with a strong focus on community facilities, transport infrastructure, parks, and reserves as we build a Better Hume.

Through the 2023/24 budget, Council will provide \$188.98 million to meet the growing needs of our community over the next 12 months by:

- Delivering more than 100,000 hours of services for aged residents;
- Deliver more than 20,000 meals for people in need;

- Host more than 1.2 million visits to our leisure centres;
- Loan more than a million library items to more than 18,000 Hume library members;
- Deliver more than 26,000 immunisations;
- Coordinate 46,000 maternal and child health consultations;
- Educate approximately 4,000 three- and four-year-old children in our preschools program.

In addition to these investments, Council, in partnership with stakeholders, will advocate for and strengthen Hume City's economy by building business capability, promoting the visitor economy, attracting innovative business, and supporting and facilitating business growth and local employment outcomes - as highlighted in the Hume City Council Plan 2021-2025

These investments aim to foster our city's social and economic vitality and break the cycle of disadvantage. Council acknowledges that sustained, continuous investment is necessary to combat the persistent impacts of social/economic inequalities effectively. Through future budget allocations, Council will continue investing in infrastructure that strengthens our city and provides access to education, health care, and employment to promote increased equitable opportunities for the Hume community.

## 8. OFFICER'S REPORTS

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8.1	Climate Action Plan 2023 - 2028	5

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

**That Council:**

- 2.1 Endorses the attached Climate Action Plan 2023- 2028 including the carbon neutral target for Council operations by 2030.**
- 2.2 Endorses the climate action plan capital works budget as outlined in Section 4.4 of this report and refers it to the 24/25 budget process.**
- 2.3 Joins the Cities Power Partnership, a network of local governments across Australia taking action to tackle climate change.**
- 2.4 Receives a future report on corporate and community measures that can be pursued alongside its Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy to significantly lift these waste diversion rates, reduce emissions, costs and provide other community benefits.**

**CARRIED**

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8.2                    **Lincolne Crescent, Roxburgh Park - Parking Investigation**                    77

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

**That Council:**

- 2.1    **note that Lincolne Crescent and Gibney Close have met warrants for street length indented parking bays and been listed for funding consideration as part of Council's future Capital Works Program – Indented Parking on Narrow Streets Budget.**
- 2.2    **note that based on the priority ranking of projects in the indented parking on narrow streets program, Lincolne Crescent and Gibney Close have been listed for delivery in the 2027/28 financial year.**
- 2.3    **Write to the signatories on the petition to advise them of Council's resolution.**

**CARRIED**

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8.3	<b>Correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament - August 2023</b>	<b>83</b>

**Moved** Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr Jack Medcraft

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

**CARRIED**

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8.4	<b>Request for Authorisation of Council Officers under the Planning and Environment Act 1987 and section 224 in Local Government Act 1989</b>	<b>95</b>

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

**That under section 147(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, Council authorises officers listed in Attachments 1 and 2 be authorised officers under that act.**

**CARRIED**

## 9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

## 10. ITEMS TO BE TABLED

Nil



MINUTES

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 Chris Hollow, **Seconded** Cr Sam Misho

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

**13.1 Contract No. – Natural Gas – Large Sites State Purchase Contract SPC SS-02-2018**

**Item 13.1 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 the report relates to commercial in confidence utility rates.**

**13.2 Contract No. - Road Maintenance and Associated Services (Northern Councils Alliance Collaborative Tender 2602/0336)**

**Item 13.2 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 the report contains 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.**

**CARRIED**

The meeting was closed to the public at 7:36pm.

The meeting was not reopened to the public.

14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 7:44pm.