



**COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE HUME CITY COUNCIL**

MONDAY, 26 AUGUST 2024

7:00PM

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

CONFIRMED - 9 September 2024.

HUME CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the

COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL

held on Monday, 26 August 2024

at 7:00pm

at the Council Chamber - Hume Global Learning Centre Broadmeadows

Attendees:	a: Council	Cr Naim Kurt	Mayor
		Cr Karen Sherry	Deputy Mayor
		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	
	b: Officers	Ms Sheena Frost	Chief Executive Officer
		Ms Rachel Dapiran	Director City Planning and Places
		Ms Kristen Cherry	Act. Director City Services & Living
		Mr Adam McSwain	Director Infrastructure and Assets
		Mr Hector Gaston	Director Customer & Strategy
		Ms Fiona Shanks	Chief People Officer
		Mr Fadi Srour	Chief Financial Officer
		Ms Holly De Kretser	Governance Manager
		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 Rezvanieh Newton, from the Baha'i community, 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.

Cr Carly Moore declared a conflict of Interest in relation to Confidential Item 14.2 Contract - Renewal of Six (6) Tennis Courts - Tullamarine Tennis Centre.

5. CONGRATULATIONS AND CONDOLENCES

CGM68

CONGRATULATIONS MOTION - CRAIGIEBURN EAGLES BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Moved Cr Carly Moore, **Seconded** Cr Joseph Haweil

That Council through the Mayor writes to the Craigieburn Eagles Basketball Association to congratulate them on the Big V Men's Division 2 championship win.

CARRIED

CGM69

CONGRATULATIONS MOTION – VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA NORTH WEST SUB- BRANCH MELBOURNE

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

That Council congratulates the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia North West Sub-Branch Melbourne on their successful holding of the Vietnam Veterans Day held Sunday, 18 August 2024.

CARRIED

CGM70 CONGRATULATIONS MOTION – DAVID HARRISON

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

That Council congratulates Mr David Harrison for his outstanding bravery and selflessness during the rescue of two men from a burning house in Plenty, Victoria, on 13 June 2020.

CARRIED

6. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting of 12 August 2024.

Moved Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr Sam Misho

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting of 12 August 2024, be confirmed.

CARRIED

7. ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCIL

Nil

8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**PQ1192 PUBLIC QUESTION – NATALIE HARRISON**

Members of the community have gone to Sunbury Athletics Track Saturday afternoon only to be told by a group that they are not allowed to be on the track from 12pm to 5pm. Can you please clarify this. There are no signs to indicate this either.

Considering the group is using the grassed area, why are those wanting to use the track unable to?

RESPONSE: ACTING DIRECTOR CITY SERVICES AND LIVING

The Sunbury District Dog Obedience Club are a long-term tenant of the Boardman Reserve athletics facility. They book the facility on Saturdays from 12pm to 5pm. All hirers of the Boardman Reserve athletics facility get exclusive use during their hire times.

For the Sunbury District Dog Obedience Club this is important as it allows them to provide community dog obedience and education classes without distraction to the dogs, or potential risks to track users.

The Sunbury District Dog Obedience Club put an A-Frame sign out to advise visitors that the track is not available for public use during their hire times. In addition to this permanent signage is currently being made which will provide more information on permitted times and information regarding track use.

PQ1193 PUBLIC QUESTION – NATALIE HARRISON

When will schools be able to use the Athletics track and field? As there is another local group currently using the field.

RESPONSE: ACTING DIRECTOR CITY SERVICES AND LIVING

The track will be available for bookings by schools after 1 September 2024

PQ1194 PUBLIC QUESTION – KHALED NAZAR

What is the council doing to stop the practice of builders in Maplestone Estate dumping building material rubbish on vacant blocks?

Compliance of local laws is also mandatory for the builders in the jurisdiction. So why is the council not able to enforce its right and regulatory authority on the builders who are flouting the laws blatantly.

RESPONSE: ACTING DIRECTOR CITY SERVICES AND LIVING

Council shares resident's concerns about illegal dumping across the city. Every year we invest significant resources into the detection, enforcement, prevention, and the collection of illegal waste on public land.

In relation to illegal dumping on privately owned land, Council's main role is to investigate any reported offenses. Owners are responsible for their properties; this includes securing their land against illegal dumping and keeping any vacant land clean and well maintained. In relation to any unsold housing blocks in the estate, the Maplestone developers are responsible for these.

If owners are concerned about illegal dumping on their property, they can take proactive steps such as performing regular inspections, installing temporary fencing, and, where appropriate, installing CCTV or security lighting systems to deter illegal activity.

We strongly encourage residents to report any illegal dumping so that we can investigate. We seek to both find and fine the perpetrators. Reports can be made via the Council website, by calling 9205 2200 or emailing contactus@hume.vic.gov.au

PQ1195 PUBLIC QUESTION – KHALED NAZAR

While being aware that rubbish is being dumped by local builders, what is the Council doing to help the owners of property who due to no fault of theirs are being served with notices for removing rubbish dumped by builders in Maplestone Estate Sunbury? Compliance of local laws isn't only required from property owners but the builders also.

The council should not penalise the owners of property when its public knowledge that the rubbish being dumped isn't by the owners but the builders in the local area.

RESPONSE: ACTING DIRECTOR CITY SERVICES AND LIVING

Council can help in two main ways. The first is by investigating reports of illegal dumping and taking enforcement action against offenders. In this circumstance, property owners remain responsible for undertaking any remediation or removal of waste on their land.

The second way Council can help is at our Resource Recovery Centres. Owners of vacant properties can bring illegally dumped waste to a Council resource recovery centre, and they may be eligible to do so for free using a waste voucher. Further information about resources recovery centres and resident waste vouchers is available on Council's website.

In addition to this, Council are aware that some developers install CCTV and other security measures to reduce illegal activity in their housing estates. Officers will reach out to the Maplestone developer to advise them of this.

PQ1196 PUBLIC QUESTION - ANTHONY

Are there any plans to improve Bridgewater Road in Craigieburn for pedestrians and cyclists?

Currently, the bike lane is so small on both sides of the road and cars park in said bike lane, forcing cyclists to go into the car lane to try and get around. There's a school on the corner of Bridgewater and Craigieburn Roads, and because of the obvious car priority there, it forces parents to drive their kids to school (especially if they live quite a ways down) instead of letting them walk or cycle because it's just not safe enough for parents to allow their kids to walk or cycle to school to give them a little more independence in life.

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSETS

The existing painted bike lane on Bridgewater Road has been in place for many years and is unfortunately not a treatment that would now be encouraged given the mixed use of the road and high traffic volume. As part of Councils newly developed Transport Strategy local precinct based transport plans will be developed and Bridgewater Road and cycling/active transport options to access the school will be considered.

PQ1197 PUBLIC QUESTION - ANTHONY

In regard to the relatively new shared path on Craigieburn Road; In areas where the road crosses the path, why isn't the road raised to the height of path?

There are bits where the transition from path to road and vice versa are quite steep and has potential to damage a bicycle (be it suspension or wheel or what have-you). I use this path quite often and everytime I approach these intersections while using said path, it forces me to slow down to avoid any potential damage to my bike. why are we still slowing down cyclists in 2024 when we should really be slowing down the cars.

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSETS

This path has been constructed by Major Road Projects Victoria for the State Government. As the road upgrade project is not yet complete, the transitions referred to are likely related to areas where the final layer of asphalt has not yet been placed. However, any particular concerns should be referred to Major Road Projects Victoria on 1800 105 105.

PQ1198 PUBLIC QUESTION - MELINDA O'NEILL

In a recent council meeting (July 22) a question was raised about the costs associated with holding a council meeting virtually with the cost identified as \$12.14 per meeting, which was very cost effective. Meetings held in person have significant costs including all associated travel claims, Catering, security, audio visual and room hire costs.

My question is, what was the total average cost per council and briefing meeting held in person for the 23/24 budget year?

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.

PQ1199 PUBLIC QUESTION - MELINDA O'NEILL

What is the average cost of catering that is provided at council meetings across the 23/24 budget year?

RESPONSE: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

The average cost of catering provided at Council meetings across the 23/24 financial year as \$2249 which is inclusive of Councillors, officers and invited guests.

9. OFFICERS' REPORTS

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.1	Council Policies Update	5

Moved Cr Joseph Haweil, **Seconded** Cr Carly Moore

- 2.1 **THAT Council notes the policies listed in Attachment 1 of this report as being past their review dates, with information on the expected review date for each of these policies also being provided in this attachment.**
- 2.2 **THAT Council re-adopts the following policies with minor amendments which are provided in Attachment 2 of this report:**
 - (a) **Fireworks on Council Open Space Policy;**
 - (b) **Aged and Community Care Policy;**
 - (c) **Long Day Care Policy;**
 - (d) **Special Rate and Special Charge Scheme Policy;**
 - (e) **Hume City Public Lighting Policy;**
 - (f) **Recording of Council Meetings Policy (formerly the Audio Recording of Council Meetings Policy;**
 - (g) **Free Tipping for Charitable Organisations Policy;**
 - (h) **Event Sponsorship Policy (formerly the Sponsorship Policy):**
- 2.3 **THAT Council extends the review date for the following policies to 30 June 2026:**
 - (a) **Fees and Charges for Sports Ground Usage Policy;**
 - (b) **Sporting Ground and Facilities Allocation Policy;**
 - (c) **Turf Cricket Policy;**
 - (d) **Outdoor Sports Lighting Policy and Plan;**
 - (e) **Club Contributions Policy for Capital Works Projects;**
 - (f) **Advertising Signs on Council Sports Reserves and Facilities.**
- 2.4 **THAT Council extends the review date of the following policies to 31 March 2025:**
 - (a) **Affordable Housing Policy;**
 - (b) **Biodiversity Planning Policy.**

2.5 THAT Council revokes the following policies:

- (a) Flyers and Petitions – Display at Council Buildings Policy;**
- (b) Media Communications Policy.**

CARRIED

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9.2	Rates Financial Hardship Policy	75

Moved Cr Carly Moore, Seconded Cr Jarrod Bell

- 2.1 That Council revokes the Rates Financial Hardship Policy adopted on 28 November 2022.**
- 2.2 That Council adopts the Rates Financial Hardship Policy provided as Attachment 1 of this report.**
- 2.3 That Council notes that the Rates Financial Hardship Policy will be promoted via Council’s social media platforms and on Council’s rate notice.**

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.3	Rate arrears - Year ended 30 June 2024	101

Moved Cr Sam Misho, Seconded Cr Carly Moore

- 2.1 That the Rate Arrears Report as at 30 June 2024 be received and noted.**
- 2.2 That Council continues to support the community with the measures outlined in the Rates Financial Hardship Policy including interest-free payment plans.**

CARRIED

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9.4	Council Plan 2021-2025: Final Progress Report 2023/24 Actions	121

Moved Cr Karen Sherry, Seconded Cr Carly Moore

That Council notes the progress of actions and indicators of the Council Plan 2021-2025 (2023/24) Actions) [refer to Attachments One and Two].

CARRIED

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9.5	Hume Submission - Plan for Victoria	173

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

- 2.1 **That Council approves the submission (Attachment 1) to the Plan for Victoria and the draft housing targets as the Hume City Council response.**
- 2.2 **That Officers brief Council on 16 September on the emerging direction of officer's submission to the Broadmeadows Activity Centre.**

Councillor Joseph Haweil left the meeting during Item 9.5 Hume Submission – Plan for Victoria, the time being 8:05pm.

Councillor Jack Medcraft left the meeting during Item 9.5 Hume Submission – Plan for Victoria, the time being 8:06pm.

Councillor Joseph Haweil returned to the meeting during Item 9.5 Hume Submission – Plan for Victoria, the time being 8:07pm.

Councillor Jack Medcraft returned to the meeting during Item 9.5 Hume Submission – Plan for Victoria, the time being 8:15pm.

CARRIED

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9.6	Greenvale North Part 2 Precinct Structure Plan - Council Submission	223

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

- 2.1 **That Council endorses the attached submission for submission to the Victorian Planning Authority in response to the publicly exhibited draft of the Greenvale North Part 2 Precinct Structure Plan.**

Councillor Jack Medcraft left the meeting during Item 9.6 Greenvale North Part 2 Precinct Structure Plan – Council Submission, the time being 8:16pm.

Councillor Jack Medcraft returned to the meeting during Item 9.6 Greenvale North Part 2 Precinct Structure Plan – Council Submission, the time being 8:20pm.

CARRIED

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9.7	Monthly Capital Works Update	243

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

2.1 That Council receive and note the report.

CARRIED

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9.8	Correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament - July 2024	245

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

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

CARRIED

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
10.1	NOM24/37 - Cr Joseph Haweil - deferred from 12 August 2024	445

Moved Cr Joseph Haweil, **Seconded** Cr Jodi Jackson

That:

1. **Officers undertake a land use audit of the Somerton industrial precinct bound by Somerton Road to the south, Union Road to the east, William Street to the north and Cliffords Road to the west, and develop an action plan in partnership with other relevant enforcement agencies to action any non-compliant uses or works identified.**
2. **Officers clarify roles and responsibilities relating to the public land (road reserves) in the precinct and present the information to Council.**
3. **Officers explore options available to bring roads, related infrastructure and servicing into the precinct and present back to Council in this regard.**
4. **Officers investigate options available to enable the closure and clean-up of road reserves in the south west corner of the precinct in the vicinity of the junction of George Street and Mils Avenue where industrial-scale illegal dumping has occurred and report the findings back to Council for decision on possible future action.**

5. **Officers provide periodic updates to Councillors on the progress of work related to points 1-4.**

CARRIED

11. ITEMS TO BE TABLED

11.1 P JL309 - Broadmeadows Park Petition

Moved Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr Jodi Jackson

That the petition be received, circulated to Councillors, and the first named signatory of the petition be advised that the matter has been referred to Manager City Strategy.

CARRIED

11.2 P JL310 - Request for Action to Prevent Builders from Dumping Rubbish and Building Materials on Vacant Blocks in Maplestone Estate Sunbury

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

That the petition be received, circulated to Councillors, and the first named signatory of the petition be advised that the matter has been referred to Manager City Safety.

CARRIED

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 Jarrod Bell, **Seconded** Cr Joseph Haweil

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

9.7 Monthly Capital Works Update

Attachment 1 – CONFIDENTIAL – Monthly Capital Works

14.1 Request for Financial Incentive - Ruggable

Item 14.1 is confidential in accordance with Section 3(1)(e) of the Local Government Act 2020 because it is legal privileged information, being information to which legal professional privilege or client legal privilege applies.

The specified grounds apply as the report contains information relating to a proposed new investment.

14.2 Contract - Renewal of Six (6) Tennis Courts - Tullamarine Tennis Centre

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 the report contains private commercial and financial information from tenderers.

CARRIED

The meeting was closed to the public at 9:13pm.

The meeting was not reopened to the public.

16. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9:25pm.