



**COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE HUME CITY COUNCIL**

MONDAY, 12 AUGUST 2024

7:00PM

**COUNCIL CHAMBER - HUME GOBAL 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, 26 August 2024.

HUME CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the

COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL

held on Monday, 12 August 2024

at 7:06pm

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 Jodi Jackson	
		Cr Jack Medcraft	
		Cr Sam Misho	
		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	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 welcomed Wurundjeri Man, Elder Colin Hunter Jnr Jnr who conducted a Welcome to Country.

MINUTES

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 Sargon Thomas, from the Assyrian Culture Centre of Australia, on behalf of the HIN.

Mr Sargon Thomas read the meeting prayer:

You, O Lord of all; are almighty and immortal, ever-loving and faithful,
compassionate and full of grace.

We thank you for our blessed country, Australia where we worship you in freedom, safety and without fear.

We pray; where there is hatred, may we show your love; where there is conflict, may we be peacemakers; where there is misleading, may we show your truthfulness: and where there is arrogance may we show the humility you showed us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We pray for your blessings upon the Hume City Council and for the safety, welfare and wellbeing of its citizens. We beseech you to guide the Councillors whose work touches the lives of this City's residents. May their work always be carried out in harmony and goodwill for the benefit of Hume's people.

May your holy spirit protect us as we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. O Lord of all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, forever;
Amen.

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies have been received from Cr Carly Moore, Cr Chris Hollow and Cr Joseph Haweil.

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.

Nil.

5. CONGRATULATIONS AND CONDOLENCES

CGM66

**CONGRATULATIONS MOTION – HUME GLOBAL
LEARNING CENTRE AND COUNCIL CHAMBER**

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

That Council acknowledges the efforts of those involved in the re-establishment of community bookable spaces and this Council chamber here at the Hume Global Learning Centre, Broadmeadows.

CARRIED

- CNM394 CONDOLENCE MOTION – GUS FERRARO**
Moved Cr Jack Medcraft, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry
That Council acknowledge the passing of Gus Ferraro
CARRIED
- CNM395 CONDOLENCE MOTION - SARAH CARTER**
Moved Cr Jack Medcraft, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry
That Council acknowledge the passing of Sarah Carter
CARRIED
- CGM67 CONGRATULATIONS MOTION - WORLD MISSION
SOCIETY CHURCH OF GOD**
Moved Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr Jarrod Bell
**That Council write to the Syke McDade representative of the World
Mission Society Church of God and thank them for their continued
work in keeping Hume beautiful.**
CARRIED

6. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting of 22 July 2024, including Confidential Minutes.

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

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting of 22 July 2024, including Confidential Minutes, be confirmed.

CARRIED

7. ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCIL

7.1 Summary of Council Briefing Sessions - 1st and 15th July 2024

Moved Cr Jack Medcraft, **Seconded** Cr Sam Misho

That Council notes the Summary of Matters Discussed at the Council Briefing Sessions held on Monday 1st July and Monday 15th July 2024.

CARRIED

8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

PQ1175 PUBLIC QUESTION - BURHAN YIGIT - DEFERRED FROM COUNCIL MEETING 11 JUNE 2024

With ANZAC Day recently commemorated, my question is, does Hume Council still support the completion of a Turkish Australian Friendship Memorial in Broadmeadows Town Park as was approved in the ANZAC Centenary Working Group? \$10,000 had been previously allocated, and the exact wording on the Hume

website stated, "Support for a community-led fundraising project to install a memorial in the Broadmeadows Town Park with the words of Ataturk"?

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR, CITY PLANNING & PLACES

In a report to Council in March 2015 outlining the activities of the Anzac Centenary Community Committee, Council stated it would support a community-led fundraising effort to install a memorial in Town Park. Council is not aware of any current community-led campaign and as such does not have plans to install a memorial in Broadmeadows Town Park.

**PQ1187 PUBLIC QUESTION - DANIEL ENGLISH - DEFERRED
FROM 22 JULY 2024 MEETING**

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

Meetings for this current term of Council commenced in November 2020. Between November 2020 and December 2021 sixteen Council meetings were held online only due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The number of Council meetings attended remotely by each Councillor between November 2020 and July 2024 is as follows:

Cr Jarrod Bell	19 meetings attended remotely
Cr Trevor Dance	72 meetings attended remotely
Cr Joseph Haweil	26 meetings attended remotely
Cr Chris Hollow	26 meetings attended remotely
Cr Jodi Jackson	66 meetings attended remotely
Cr Naim Kurt	19 meetings attended remotely
Cr Jack Medcraft	22 meetings attended remotely
Cr Sam Misho	30 meetings attended remotely
Cr Carly Moore	26 meetings attended remotely
Cr Jim Overend	20 meetings attended remotely
Cr Karen Sherry	20 meetings attended remotely

These attendance figures only report on whether Councillors attended a meeting remotely at which they were present. Meetings at which Councillors were an apology or otherwise not present are not included in these figures.

PQ1191 PUBLIC QUESTION - DANIEL ENGLISH

The council generally holds an annual planning evening, day, or weekend. Which Councillors attended each one of these for this council term?

RESPONSE: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

All Councillors are invited to attend planning days which are typically held to support the budget and council planning cycle. Throughout this term of Council, these planning days have been held on:

- 30 & 31 Jan 2021
- 26 & 27 Nov 2021
- 6 March 2022
- 18-19 Nov 2022
- 24 & 25 November 2023
- 20 April 2024

These meetings are informal and therefore attendance is not formally recorded. However, the following data reflects the calendar response of individual Councillors.

PQ1192 PUBLIC QUESTION - DANIEL ENGLISH

The Council generally holds an annual planning evening, day, or weekend. If attendance is not formally recorded, which Councillors accepted the calendar invitation to attend each one this council term?

RESPONSE: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

On the:

- 30 & 31 January 2021 - All councillors accepted with the exception of Cr Dance.
- 26 & 27 November 2021 - All councillors accepted.
- 6 March 2022 - All councillors accepted.
- 18-19 November 2022 - All councillors accepted.
- 24 & 25 November 2023 - Those councillors that accepted were:
 - Cr Kurt
 - Cr Sherry
 - Cr Bell
 - Cr Medcraft
 - Cr Moore
 - Cr Hollow
- 20 April 2024 - All councillors accepted.

9. OFFICERS' REPORTS

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.1	Statutory Planning - 15-17 Keysborough Street Craigieburn - Development of Five Dwellings	11

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

That Council, having considered the application on its merits and the objections received, resolves to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit for the development of land for five

dwellings at 15-17 Keysborough Street Craigieburn subject to the Conditions in attachment 1.

CARRIED

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9.2	Statutory Planning - Unit 9B, 57-59 Horne Street, Sunbury - Amendment to Planning Permit for Use of the land as a Restricted Recreation Facility (Gym)	45

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

- 2.1 That Council, having considered the application on its merits and the objections received, resolves to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant an amended Planning Permit for the use of land as a restricted recreation facility (gym) in accordance with the endorsed plans, subject to the conditions in Attachment 1.

CARRIED

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

For	Against
Cr Jarrod Bell	
Cr Trevor Dance	
Cr Jodi Jackson	
Cr Naim Kurt	
Cr Jack Medcraft	
Cr Sam Misho	
Cr Jim Overend	
Cr Karen Sherry	

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9.3	Sports Aid Grants Program- 2023/24 Batch 2 Report	61

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

That Council:

- 2.1 Notes that \$6,087.50 has been awarded for SAGP 2023/24 Batch 2 from 1 February until 30 June 2024 as listed in Attachment One.
- 2.2 Notes that the 2024 SAGP Recognition Event took place on Thursday 13 June 2024 at the Hume Global Learning Centre Sunbury.
- 2.3 Notes that the SAGP 2024/25 Batch 1 will reopen on 19 August 2024 until 30 January 2025 or until funds are fully exhausted.
- 2.3.1 During the election caretaker period, commencing from 17 September 2024 applications for the SAGP will be paused. The program will re-open for nominations from Sunday 27 October, 2024.

CARRIED

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9.4	Asset Management Policy Review	71

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

That Council:

- 2.1 **Rescind the previous Asset Management Policy from 2020 (Attachment 2)**
- 2.2 **Adopt the updated Asset Management Policy for 2024 (Attachment 1)**

CARRIED

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9.5	Audit and Risk Committee Charter Update	81

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

- 2.1 **That the updated Audit and Risk Committee Charter be adopted.**

Councillor Sam Misho left the meeting during discussion on item 9.5 *Audit and Risk Committee Charter Update*, the time being 8:15 pm.

Councillor Sam Misho returned to the meeting, the time being 8:17pm.

CARRIED

Councillor Jim Overend left the meeting after the vote on item 9.5 *Audit and Risk Committee Charter Update*, the time being 8:18pm.

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

For	Against
Cr Jarrod Bell	Cr Trevor Dance
Cr Naim Kurt	Cr Jodi Jackson
Cr Jack Medcraft	
Cr Sam Misho	
Cr Karen Sherry	

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9.6	Appointment of Independent Audit and Risk Committee Member	99

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

Councillor Jim Overend returned to the meeting during discussion on item 9.6 Appointment of Independent Audit and Risk Committee Member, the time being 8:21pm.

- 2.1 **That Mr Peter Smith be appointed to the role of independent member of the Audit and Risk Committee for an initial period of three years, up to a maximum of six years in accordance with the Audit and Risk Committee Charter.**
- 2.2 **That the Mayor, Cr Naim Kurt formally write to Mr Smith offering him the position.**

- 2.3 That the Manager Governance write to all applicants advising them of the decision, following acceptance to the position by Mr Smith.
- 2.4 That Council write to Mr Shannon Buckley to thank him for his service as the outgoing independent member.

CARRIED

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9.7	Funding Opportunity: Housing Support Program - Community Enabling Infrastructure Stream	103

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

That Council:

- 2.1 Approves the submission of the following applications to the Housing Support Program – Community Enabling Infrastructure Stream (HSP-CEI):
- 2.1.1 Project 1: Road Construction within the proposed Seabrook Reserve Residential Development – seeking \$3 million in funding
- 2.1.2 Project 2: Mitchell St Road Upgrade and Malcolm St Bridge Project – seeking \$6.1 million in funding
- 2.2 Notes that these projects are seeking 100% of the project funding from the Australian Government as permissible within the funding guidelines.

CARRIED

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9.8	Funding Opportunity - Thriving Suburbs Fund	107

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

That Council:

- 2.1 Endorse officers to progress submissions for the maximum of two (2) applications, as is permissible within the program funding guidelines, from the following shortlist of projects for consideration of the Thriving Suburbs Program:
- 2.1.1 Progress Reserve Upgrade – seeking up to \$10 million in funding
- 2.1.2 Dwyer Street Reserve Community Pavilion – seeking up to \$5 million in funding
- 2.1.3 Sunbury Senior Citizens Centre – seeking up to \$3 million in funding
- 2.1.4 Hume Hockey Centre – development of a second pitch and pavilion extension– seeking up to \$5 million in funding
- 2.2 Notes that officers are currently carrying out appropriate due diligence of these projects, assessing their alignment against the criteria of the Thriving Suburbs Program to

determine activities most likely to be successful in an application.

CARRIED

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9.9	Sunbury Multideck – Public Electric Vehicles Charging Fees	111

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

That Council:

- 2.1 Sets a fee of \$0.35 per kW/h GST inclusive at the Sunbury Multideck car park from 18 August 2024.
- 2.2 Reviews this fee through the development of the 25/26 budget to ensure the annual operating and electricity costs are being covered for the chargers.
- 2.3 Notes that Officers are currently working on an expression of interest process across the Municipality for electric vehicle recharging suppliers.

CARRIED

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9.10	Recycling Victoria Service Standards Consultation	115

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

Councillor Jack Medcraft left the meeting during discussion on item 9.10 *Recycling Victoria Service Standards Consultation*, the time being 8:42pm.

Councillor Jack Medcraft returned to the meeting during discussion on item 9.10 *Recycling Victoria Service Standards Consultation*, the time being 8:44pm.

That Council:

- 2.1 Instructs Officers to submit the response (Attachment 1) on behalf of Council to the 'setting the standard for better recycling at home' public consultation via the Engage Victoria website.
- 2.2 Notes that this consultation will close at 11:59 pm, Wednesday 14 August 2024.
- 2.3 Notes that this response, including all comments will be treated as public documents.

CARRIED

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9.11	Statutory Planning Quarterly Report April, May, June 2024	127

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

That Council notes the report.

CARRIED

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

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10.1	NOM24/37 - Cr Joseph Haweil	149

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

That NOM24/37 be deferred to a future Council meeting.

CARRIED

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10.2	NOM24/38 - Cr Sam Misho	151

Moved Cr Sam Misho, **Seconded** Cr Jarrod Bell

That Council officers investigate and report back to a Council briefing on the appropriate circumstances in which to apply planning permit conditions that require the provision of on street indented car parking when considering applications for multi-unit development or subdivision in established suburbs, inclusive of an action plan to roll out any changes.

CARRIED

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10.3	NOM24/39 - Cr Sam Misho	153

Moved Cr Sam Misho, **Seconded** Cr Jodi Jackson

That for all residential rate payers;

- a) Council cease charging penalty interest 'the incentive' on outstanding rates provided that ratepayers enter into an arrangement by 30th of November 2024, and
- b) Council must proactively reach out to those rates ratepayers with overdue rates via email, text, mail and promote the 'incentive' through their social media accounts and platforms, and
- c) Should these arrangements plus future rates owing, be maintained and paid within 2 years of entering into an arrangement that all interest retrospectively accrued be written off
- d) Commercial, rate payers:

The same incentive in a) for residential rate payers would apply, provided that the commercial rate payer can provide sufficient information & substantiate that their tenant is experiencing financial hardship.

Amendment

Moved Cr Jack Medcraft

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- c) Should these arrangements plus future rates owing, be maintained and paid within 2 years of entering into an arrangement that all interest retrospectively accrued be written off
- d) Domestic rate payers:

The same incentive in a) for residential rate payers would apply, provided that the commercial rate payer can provide sufficient information & substantiate that their tenant is experiencing financial hardship.

THE AMENDMENT WAS RULED INVALID BY THE CHAIR.

Amendment

Moved Cr Jim Overend, **Seconded** Cr Jarrod Bell

That for all residential rate payers;

- a) Council cease charging penalty interest 'the incentive' on outstanding rates provided that ratepayers enter into an arrangement by 30th of November 2024, and
- b) Council must proactively reach out to those rates ratepayers with overdue rates via email, text, mail and promote the 'incentive' through their social media accounts and platforms, and
- c) Should these arrangements plus future rates owing, be maintained and paid within 2 years of entering into an arrangement that all interest retrospectively accrued be written off
- d) Commercial, domestic, rural and industrial rate payers:
The same incentive in a) for residential rate payers would apply, provided that the commercial rate payer can provide sufficient information & substantiate that their tenant is experiencing financial hardship.

CARRIED

Moved Cr Jarrod Bell

That the substantive motion be put.

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Moved Cr Sam Misho, **Seconded** Cr Jodi Jackson

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- c) Should these arrangements plus future rates owing, be maintained and paid within 2 years of entering into an arrangement that all interest retrospectively accrued be written off
- d) Commercial, domestic, rural and industrial rate payers: The same incentive in a) for residential rate payers would apply, provided that the commercial rate payer can provide sufficient information & substantiate that their tenant is experiencing financial hardship.

CARRIED

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10.4	NOM 24/40 - Cr Jack Medcraft	155

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

That Council write the Hon Melissa Horne, Minister for Roads and Road Safety, seeking a commitment from the State Government to duplicate the section of Sunbury Road from the end of the Tullamarine Freeway to Oaklands Road. As an interim measure, the Department of Transport and Planning should also be requested to improve delineation on the existing median barrier along this section.

CARRIED

EXTENSION OF TIME

9:55pm Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

That time be extended by 30 minutes.

CARRIED

Cr Naim Kurt vacated the chair at 9:55pm.

Cr Karen Sherry took over the chair at 9:55pm.

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10.5	NOM24/41 - Cr Naim Kurt	157

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

That Council:

Write to the Victorian Minister for Environment, the Hon. Steve Dimopoulos:

1. Expressing Council's concern regarding dumped and/or abandoned shopping trolleys in Hume City.
2. Highlighting Council's own efforts and investment to address shopping trolley dumping, including the adoption

of new local laws, related compliance activities, and the establishment of a targeted trolley collection and impound program.

3. **Calling on state government to introduce state-wide laws relating to shopping trolleys, as in place in other Australian jurisdictions, noting the potential for state-level legislation to drive uniformity, consistency, aligned compliance efforts and efficiencies across the state.**
4. **Encouraging State government to allocate appropriate supports and resources to ensure such laws are appropriately enacted.**

CARRIED

Cr Karen Sherry vacated the chair at 10:01pm.

Cr Naim Kurt returned to the chair at 10:01pm.

11. ITEMS TO BE TABLED

Nil

12. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

13. DELEGATES REPORTS

Nil

14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 10:02pm.