



**COUNCIL MEETING OF  
THE HUME CITY COUNCIL**

**MONDAY, 14 AUGUST 2023**

**7.00PM**

**TOWN HALL BROADMEADOWS**

**CONFIRMED 28 AUGUST 2023**



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**Minutes** of the  
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held on Monday, 14 August 2023  
**at 7.00pm**  
at the Town Hall Broadmeadows

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| Attendees: | a: Council  | Cr Joseph Haweil  | Mayor                              |
|            |             | Cr Karen Sherry   | Deputy Mayor                       |
|            |             | Cr Trevor Dance   |                                    |
|            |             | Cr Chris Hollow   |                                    |
|            |             | Cr Jodi Jackson   |                                    |
|            |             | Cr Naim Kurt      |                                    |
|            |             | Cr Jack Medcraft  |                                    |
|            |             | Cr Carly Moore    |                                    |
|            |             | Cr Jim Overend    |                                    |
|            | b: Officers | Ms Sheena Frost   | Chief Executive Officer            |
|            |             | Ms Rachel Dapiran | Director City Planning and Places  |
|            |             | Mr Hector Gaston  | Director City Services & Living    |
|            |             | Mr Adam McSwain   | Director Infrastructure and Assets |
|            |             | Mr Carl Muller    | Director Customer & Strategy       |
|            |             | Ms Fiona Shanks   | Chief People Officer               |
|            |             | Mr Fadi Srour     | Chief Financial 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 Antonio Hellebuyck, 1st Councillor in the Craigieburn Stake Presidency, from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints community, on behalf of the HIN.

Antonio Hellebuyck 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.

As we gather in this council, we are reminded of the beauty of differences among us. We seek Thy guidance in recognizing and respecting 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.

**3. APOLOGIES**

Cr Sam Misho and Cr Jarrod Bell 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 13.1 Contract - Construction of Oval 3 Greenvale Recreation Reserve as she is employed by one of the business that have submitted a tender.

**5. CONGRATULATIONS & CONDOLENCES****CGM32 CONGRATULATIONS MOTION – AUSTRALIA WOMENS NATIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM.**

**Moved** Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr Chris Hollow

**Council wishes to congratulate the Matildas on their historic quarter final win in the womens world cup and wish them all the success as they take on England in the semi finals.**

**CARRIED**

**CGM33 CONGRATULATIONS MOTION - MAUREEN LEAHY**

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

**That through the Mayor Council writes to Maureen Leahy congratulating her on her 48 years of service to the Broadmeadows Community and Meadows Primary School on her service to the Hume Community.**

**CARRIED**

**CGM34 CONGRATULATIONS MOTION - BROADMEADOWS BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**

**Moved** Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr Jodi Jackson

**Council wishes to congratulate the Broadmeadows Basketball Association and the Hume City Youth League division one who took out the grand final on Saturday in Werribee.**

**CARRIED**

**CNM383            CONDOLENCE MOTION – MR DAVID RONKSLEY**

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

**That Council acknowledge the sad passing of former president of Rotary Fawkner in the former City of Broadmeadows and Craigieburn club member.**

**CARRIED**

**6. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

Minutes of the Council Meeting of 24 July 2023, including Confidential Minutes.

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

**THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting of 24 July 2023, including Confidential Minutes, be confirmed.**

**CARRIED**

**7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME****PQ1012            PUBLIC QUESTION - ALDO POLIZZI**

When told by a council planning officer that an application for a planning permit that complies will not be knocked back, is it not a futile, pointless exercise and a waste of everyone's time to object when the application "complies"?

**Response: Director City Planning and Places**

Council officers must consider all applicable decision guidelines and objectives of the Hume Planning Scheme and any objector comments when making a decision. This involves weighing up mandatory, technical and discretionary matters.

The public notification process allows for affected parties to review proposed plans and provide comments for Council to consider as part of the decision making. A proposal may comply with technical aspects of the Hume Planning Scheme, but the recommendation of an officer balances a range of considerations and sometimes competing objectives. In forming their recommendation officers must balance those relevant matters.

Issues raised by objectors related to discretionary matters have sometimes been incorporated as amendments to officer recommendations in council decisions on planning permit applications. This occurred in the recent decision on P24456 where there was an amended condition included in relation to fencing that was raised by objectors.

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**PQ1013 PUBLIC QUESTION - ALDO POLIZZI**

If that is not the case what might be the rare reason that a permit is refused after it “complies”?

**Response: Director City Planning and Places**

Each planning permit application is considered on its own merits and the relevant permit triggers under the Hume Planning Scheme. As per the previous answer, recommended decisions on permits weigh up a range of mandatory, technical and discretionary considerations and in some cases may be refused by council.

If a refusal is issued, grounds must be specified and applicants are entitled to seek a review of a refusal of the decision at VCAT.

**PQ1014 PUBLIC QUESTION - FRANCES REBECCA EVANS**

In line with Hume City Council’s position endorsing the ICAN Cities Campaign and the principles set forth in the 2018 UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, will Council write to the Federal Government opposing the acquisition of nuclear submarines? Like other councils (such as Merribek Council) and forward-thinking countries such as New Zealand, I would like to see Hume City Council continue to support these endeavours that embrace a safe and nuclear free world.

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**Response: Director City Services and Living**

We note Council’s endorsement in 2019 of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) Cities Campaign and the letter sent by Hume City Council to the Federal Government and opposition to request that Australia sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Hume City Council is one of 43 Australian councils that support the Treaty on the Prohibition of nuclear weapons.

The introduction of nuclear propelled submarines to Australia could potentially have far reaching health consequences, especially if Port Phillip Bay were to be a docking area for the submarines. In recognition of Council’s existing position as a supporter of the ICAN Cities Campaign, it is proposed that a Briefing Note be provided to Councillors explaining the community health impacts of nuclear submarines in greater detail and focussing on expected impacts to members of our community and informed by the Medical Association for the Prevention of War Australia.

Additionally, it is proposed that Council’s community environment advisory committee, the Hume Sustainability Taskforce, be consulted on this question and its feedback be provided to Council to further assists its decision making on this issue.

**PQ1015 PUBLIC QUESTION - FRANCES REBECCA EVANS**

Will Hume City Council write to the State Government urging them to remove promotional material for the Nuclear-Powered Submarine Propulsion competition? If the inclusion of unrepresentative nuclear curriculum becomes accepted and normalized in Victoria's schools, our children will not be able to imagine a nuclear free future.

**Response: Director City Services and Living**

It is proposed that Councillors be provided with more information as part of the above-mentioned Briefing Note in order to inform their decision making on this issue.

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**8. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

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| 8.1        | <b>Hume City General Purpose Local Law 2023 - Final Adoption</b> | 5              |

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council:**

**2.1. Having:**

- 2.1.1. Completed the statutory process under Division 3, Part 3 of the *Local Government Act 2020* for the making of the proposed Hume City General Purpose Local Law No.1 2023 (included at attachment 1);**
- 2.1.2. Obtained a certificate from a suitably qualified lawyer stating that, in their opinion, the proposed Hume City General Purpose Local Law No.1 2023 is consistent with the local law requirements set out in section 72 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (included at attachment 2); and**
- 2.1.3. Undertaken community engagement in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy in respect to the proposed Hume City General Purpose Local Law No.1 2023 and having considered submissions received as summarised and included at attachment 3 and 4;**  
**resolves to make the Hume City General Purpose Local Law No. 1 2023 with a commencement date of 12.01 am Monday 4 September 2023; and,**

**2.2. At this time, revokes the Hume City General Purpose Local Law No.1 2013; and,**

**2.3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to publish a notice stating:**



- 2.3.1. The title of the new local law; and,
- 2.3.2. The objectives of the new local law; and
- 2.3.3. The effect of the new local law  
in the Victorian Government Gazette and on  
Council's website pursuant to section 74(4) of the  
Local Government Act 2020; and,

- 2.4. Make a copy of the Hume City General Purpose Local Law No.1 2023 available at Council's office and on Council's internet site.

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| 8.2        | Vibrant and Inclusive Events and Festivals Strategy 2023-2026 | 121            |

Moved Cr Chris Hollow, **Seconded** Cr Jim Overend

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council adopts *Vibrant and Inclusive Events and Festivals Strategy 2023-2026* as shown in Attachment 1.

CARRIED

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| 8.3        | Land and Biodiversity Plan 2023 - 2030 | 155            |

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

Councillor Jodi Jackson left the meeting during discussion on item 8.3 *Land and Biodiversity Plan 2023-2030* and did not vote on the item, the time being 7:43pm.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council endorse the *Draft Land and Biodiversity Plan 2023–2030 (Attachment 1)* and *Draft Land and Biodiversity Action Plan 2023-24 (Attachment 2)*, for community consultation.

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| 8.4        | Hume Community Awards and Mayoral Recognition Program | 235            |

**Moved** Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr Jim Overend

Councillor Jodi Jackson returned to the meeting during discussion on item 8.4 *Hume Community Awards and Mayoral Recognition Program*, the time being 7:48pm.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

##### 2.1 That Council

- 2.1.1 approves the implementation of the Hume Community Awards to be held annually by Hume City Council.
- 2.1.2 approves the implementation of 8 award categories and notes the supporting selection criteria for each, including:
  - (a) Academic Excellence
  - (b) Advocacy and Social Justice
  - (c) Arts and Creative Expression
  - (d) Community Service Excellence
  - (e) Environmental Stewardship
  - (f) Multicultural Community Leadership
  - (g) Outstanding Community Leadership
  - (h) Sports and Recreation Achievement
- 2.1.3 Note that the Selection Panel will comprise the Mayor (or their delegate), the Deputy Mayor (or their delegate), two independent community representatives as recommended by officers to the Mayor, and an officer as representative of Council.
- 2.1.4 note that this event has been accounted for in the 2023/24 Annual budget.
- 2.1.5 allocates a \$500 monetary award to be presented to each successful award recipient, as well as a commemorative award.
- 2.1.6 acknowledges that a review will be undertaken of these awards within two years to evaluate the awards categories, and evaluate community interest.

##### 2.2 That Council

- 2.2.1 approves the implementation of a Mayoral Recognition Program, including the development of a webpage for resident nominations to be recognised for significant milestone anniversaries and milestone birthdays.

- 2.2.2 approves the development of branded certificates to support the Mayoral Recognition Program, and to be signed and sent by the sitting Mayor.

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| 8.5        | Naming Proposal: Returning Westmeadows Reserve to the Name of Goddings Hollow (Response to NOM23/011) | 267            |

Moved Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr Chris Hollow

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 2.1 THAT Council notes the information provided in this report and takes no further action on the proposal to return the name of Westmeadows Reserve, located at 25-31 Ardlie Street Westmeadows, to its historical name of Goddings Hollow.
- 2.2 THAT the Acting Manager Governance writes to the submitter of the community submission to Hume's Draft Annual Budget in 2021, which requested that the name of Westmeadows Reserve be changed to its historical name of Goddings Hollow, to advise them of Council's decision on this matter.

CARRIED

**9. NOTICES OF MOTION**

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| 9.1        | NOM23/020 - Cr Trevor Dance | 275            |

Moved Cr Trevor Dance, **Seconded** Cr Jodi Jackson

**THAT Council;**

- a) Ceases its corporate membership to LGPRO INCORPORATED - LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROFESSIONALS INC immediately . That council obtains reimbursement on pro rata basis of membership paid for the subscription period.
- b) That a report be provided to Council detailing Council expenditure from the commencement of the 2016 Council term to current on training through LGPro, including programs/training sessions accessed, number of staff engaged and alternate sector options for future training needs.

The following motion was then put:

Moved Cr Chris Hollow, **Seconded** Cr Jack Medcraft

That the item be deferred.

CARRIED

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| 9.2        | NOM23/021 - Cr Trevor Dance | 277            |

**Moved** Cr Trevor Dance, **Seconded** Cr Jodi Jackson

**THAT Council;**

- **Provide any over budget costs for all capital works, and that these details are then presented at the next council open public meeting immediately after the cost increases have been identified.**

**The following amendment to the substantive motion was then put:**

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

- **Provide any over budget costs for all capital works, and that these details are then presented at the next council open public meeting immediately after the cost increases have been confirmed and bearing in mind the agenda preparation lead times.**

**CARRIED**

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| 9.3        | NOM23/022 - Cr Jack Medcraft | 279            |

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

**THAT a report be presented to a future Council meeting outlining:**

- **The feasibility and merit of a council-led, safe driver reward and recognition program; and,**
- **Program costs and possible funding pathways if Council were to establish such a program which includes the potential for the distribution of fuel vouchers.**

**CARRIED**

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| 9.4        | NOM23/023 - Cr Joseph Haweil | 281            |

**Moved** Cr Joseph Haweil, **Seconded** Cr Jack Medcraft

**That Council**

- **Submit the following to the MAV State Council on 13 October 2023:  
That the MAV calls on the State Government to review the redistribution mechanism of the Community Benefits Statements to ensure that the losses from gambling are directly invested back into community and community-led initiatives.**

**CARRIED**

MINUTES

10. ITEMS TO BE TABLED

Nil

11. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

12. DELEGATES REPORTS

Cr Joseph Haweil provided a report on the appointment of Cr Jarrod Bell to the Municipal Association of Victoria's Emergency Management Committee.

13. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

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

**Moved** Cr Chris Hollow, **Seconded** Cr Jim Overend

**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. – Construction of Oval 3 – Greenvale Recreation Reserve**

Item 13.1 is confidential in accordance with Section 3(1)(g(i)) and (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 relates to trade secrets, and 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 it contains information relating to tender and contractual matters

**13.2 Contract No – Construction of Additions and Alterations – Ginifer Reserve Pavilion - Updated Recommendation**

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 deals with Contractual matters.

**CARRIED**

The meeting was closed to the public at 8.41pm.

The meeting did not reopen to the public.

14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.49pm.