

## **GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL**

## **ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

## WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER 2022

## MINUTES

Meeting was held in the Council Chambers, Corner Hawthorn & Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield at 7.30pm

#### Present

The Mayor, Councillor Jim Magee Councillor Margaret Esakoff Councillor Sam Parasol Councillor Sue Pennicuik Councillor Li Zhang Councillor Simone Zmood Councillor David Zyngier

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#### 1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Mayor read the acknowledgement.

Glen Eira City Council Acknowledges the peoples of the Kulin Nation as Traditional Owners and Custodians, and pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging. We Acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to land and waterways. Council extends its respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

#### 2. APOLOGIES

Councillor Tony Athanasopoulos

Reminder: At the 9 August 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council granted a leave of absence to Cr Anne-Marie Cade for the Ordinary Council Meetings of 20 September 2022, 12 October 2022 and 2 November 2022.

# 3. REMINDER TO DECLARE ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillors were reminded of the requirement for disclosure of conflicts of interest in relation to items listed for consideration on the Agenda, or any item that was considered at this meeting, in accordance with Section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Rule 60(3) of the Glen Eira City Council Governance Rules. Councillors were then invited to indicate any such conflict of interest.

• Cr Parasol - Item Number 8.3 - 196-198 Hawthorn Road Caulfield North - Amendment C234 and application GE/DP-34438/2021

#### **Procedural Motion**

#### Moved: Cr Magee

#### Seconded: Cr Parasol

That Council:

- 1. considers the meeting to be adjourned for 10 minutes from the commencement of any technical problem which prevents Council from livestreaming the meeting
- 2. adjourns the meeting in the event livestreaming cannot be resumed within 30 minutes from the commencement of the technical problem which prevents livestreaming on Council's website with the meeting to be reconvened on Thursday 13 October 2022 at 7.30pm via livestreaming; and
- 3. notes, if the Mayor is unable for any reason to attend the Council meeting or part of the Council meeting, the meeting will be chaired in accordance with Rule 13 of the Governance Rules. The Mayor will resume as Chair of the meeting upon return. If a vote is being taken at the time, the Mayor will resume as Chair after the result of the vote has been declared.

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

## Moved: Cr Zmood

Seconded: Cr Zhang

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 September 2022 be confirmed.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 5. RECEPTION AND READING OF PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

#### 5.1 PETITION: 198 HAWTHORN ROAD (PLANNING AMENDMENT C234GLEN)

## Moved: Cr Zmood

Seconded: Cr Zyngier

That Council:

- 1. receives and notes the petition; and
- 2. refers the petition to the relevant officer for appropriate action including a detailed response to the submitter.

#### 6. REPORTS BY DELEGATES APPOINTED BY COUNCIL TO VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS

Cr Zyngier – reported on the EAGA Committee and the VLGA Committee

#### 7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND RECORDS OF ASSEMBLY

## 7.1 Advisory Committees

#### 7.1.1 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

#### Moved: Cr Zmood

#### Seconded: Cr Esakoff

That the minutes of the Advisory Committee meetings as shown below be received and noted and that the recommendations of these Committees be adopted.

- 1. Open Space, Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes 25 August 2022;
- 2. Arts and Culture Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 25 August 2022; and
- 3. Multicultural Advisory Committee Minutes 14 September 2022.

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 7.2 Records of Assembly

## 7.2.1 RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

#### Moved: Cr Zmood

#### Seconded: Cr Zhang

That the Records of the Assemblies as shown below be received and noted.

- 1. 6 September 2022 Assembly;
- 2. 13 September 2022 Assembly; and
- 3. 20 September 2022 Pre-meeting

#### **Procedural Motion**

#### Moved: Cr Magee

#### Seconded: Cr Pennicuik

That Council changes the order of business to bring forward Item 10.5 – Written Public Questions to Council to be heard at this stage of the meeting.

### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### Suspend Standing Orders

Moved: Cr Magee

Seconded: Cr Zyngier

That Council suspend standing orders at 7.54pm.

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It is recorded that Council has moved to suspend standing orders for 15 minutes due to audio issues with the livestream at 7.54pm.

#### **Resume Standing Orders**

Moved: Cr Magee

Seconded: Cr Zyngier

That Council resumes standing orders at 8.04pm

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It is recorded that Council has moved to resume standing orders at 8.04pm with audio issues resolved.

## 7.5 Written public questions to Council

Max Deacon, Elsternwick	In relation to the Woolworths permit conditions the two clauses copied below from the VCAT decision are self-explanatory.
	Clause21(c) Routes travelled on the local road network by commercial vehicles to the supermarket loading bay (to be via Glen Huntly Road, St Georges Road, and Sinclair Street only between St Georges Road and the loading bay). (d) Details of commercial vehicle parking areas while waiting for the loading bay to become available with this not to occur within residential streets including in Sinclair Street.
	Clause174.The concept plans being considered as part of the creation of the Elsternwick Cultural Precinct, including the works to Selwyn Street, contemplate moving the school crossing on Sinclair Street from the west side of Selwyn Street to the east side, closer to the proposed loading bay facility. This is not a desirable outcome, albeit the planning permit conditions supported by the Council do not envisage trucks moving any further west along Sinclair Street beyond the loading bay itself. This is a matter of detail that the Council may need to consider as it continues to finalise its plans for the creation of the Cultural Precinct in Selwyn Street.
	Question 1
	Could Council please explain: How they will stop vehicles moving west past the loading dock and what are the penalties for trucks that do not comply and where are the vehicle parking areas.
	Response:
	Condition 21 of the planning permit requires that before the building is occupied, a Loading Bay Management Plan must be submitted to and approved by Council.
	The condition requires the Loading Bay Management Plan to detail a number of matters, such as the routes travelled on the local road network by commercial vehicles, and details of the commercial vehicle parking areas while waiting for the loading bay to become available.
	Council is yet to receive this plan for endorsement. Once received it will be assessed, and only endorsed when it is acceptable to Council. The management of the loading bay will then be enforced in accordance with the approved plan.
	Question 2
	What will Council be doing about the" undesirable outcome" of moving the school crossing?

	Response:
	Council recognises that not all outcomes are desirable, particularly in a large activity Centre like Elsternwick. This was a matter that was discussed in the VCAT decision, where at paragraph 172 and 173, the balance of considerations with reference to road safety within an activity center context is considered. It says:
	[172] In relation to the more generalised evidence provided by Prof Oxley, the mix of uses that are encouraged by the Glen Eira Planning Scheme in activity centres, inevitably will result in truck movements occurring in activity centres, where pedestrian movements are also high. It is the role of road management authorities to ensure that such truck movements which are necessary to facilitate the various uses that are strongly encouraged in activity centres, are provided with a road network that appropriately protects pedestrian safety.
	[173] While Prof Oxley opines that the cessation of truck movements should occur at all times of school operation, we consider that this is unnecessary given the limited pedestrian movements that would occur outside of the school drop-off and pick- up times. We also consider that if such an approach was adopted as standard across metropolitan Melbourne, it would essentially shut down truck movements associated with any land use close to the numerous schools across the suburban landscape. We do not consider that such an approach is consistent with either the transport policy that is found in the Glen Eira Planning Scheme, or a commonsense approach.
	Council, in its role as the road management authority and through the design process associated with relocating the school crossing will balance the necessity to service the activity centre and appropriately protect pedestrian safety.
Rosetta	Question 3
Manaszewicz, McKinnon	As a result of Amendment C228 scores of streets throughout Glen Eira are now under threat from applications that are legally entitled to exceed height restrictions which were previously established under Amendment C157. When will council address this issue and undertake a complete review of the zones which were established in 2013?
	Response:
	Amendment C228 issued by the Minister for Planning removed the interim height controls for the <u>residential</u> areas contained within the boundary of the Bentleigh and Carnegie Structure Plan areas. The underlying zones in these same residential areas all still retain their mandatory maximum height limits. Depending on the applicable residential zone, these mandatory maximum heights range from two, three and four storeys.

	The Housing Strategy soon to be considered by Council provides a minimum 15-year planning framework for residential land in Glen Eira. Research and preparation of the draft Housing Strategy and the revisions to our Structure Plans including Bentleigh and Carnegie have been conducted in parallel and integrate with one another. The Housing Strategy has included a review of the zones, and the further work will support a planning scheme amendment. Should Council resolve to adopt the Housing Strategy, the work towards the implementation of the review of the residential zones can commence and a timeframe for this project can be determined.
	Question 4
	Furthermore, how will these changes be assessed and addressed in the Housing Strategy and the municipality's overall capacity to house the expected population growth?
	Response:
	The draft Housing Strategy has been prepared with support from demographic data, a housing capacity and demand analysis and neighbourhood character assessments. This has helped to guide several proposed but modest changes to the residential zones. The Housing Strategy seeks to support greater housing diversity along with meeting forecast population change.
Warren Green,	Question 5
Warren Green, Bentleigh	Question 5 I have received advice from Mr Torres that the Housing Strategy submissions will not be released to residents. This concerning approach is despite 1) Council's commitment to transparency, 2) The policy obligation for Director's to champion transparency, 3) Previous Council precedent of tabling resident feedback 4) Resident expectations and requests and 5) The commitment to Involve residents as per the IAP2 framework.
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decision-making and reporting back', states that Council will 'protect the privacy and confidentiality of participants.'
When obtaining feedback from community members during the Housing Strategy consultation process, Council did not proactively seek express permission for individual responses to be published in either full or redacted form, nor was this stated as a reason for collecting the information.
Council takes its privacy obligations seriously, and there is a risk that the release of individual comments (even if redacted) without express permission from all parties would be inconsistent with our obligations under the Privacy and Data Collection Act 2014.
Council's approach to community engagement seeks to maximise the opportunity for community members to provide frank and honest feedback without fear of favour. There is a risk that releasing the specific views of each individual may impact negatively on the community's willingness to share their views openly in the future.
Council's approach seeks to balance this obligation with ensuring that the public is provided with information which details the spectrum and nuance of feedback received through our community engagement activities along with an explanation how this has been used to inform the decision-making process.
This topic will be an item for discussion at an upcoming meeting of the Community Engagement Advisory Committee.
The reference to an attachment with deidentified feedback in agenda item 8.5 was erroneously not removed between the draft and published version of the agenda paper. You will have also noted that there was no attachment to that report.
Question 6
Does the Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Trust pay rates, and if so why, given it manages crown land (dialectically Boon Wurrung land) and how are the rates calculated?
Response:
The Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Trust does pay rates. Rates are raised in accordance with the Cultural and Recreational Land Act 1963.
In 1992, the Melbourne Racing Club (MRC) and the former City of Caulfield came to an agreement where the MRC would pay an amount equivalent to 76% of the general rate for the entirety of the site regardless of its use. This has continued under the City of Glen Eira and is declared in the Budget each year as part of Council's annual budgeting process. It is Council's understanding that since the establishment of the new Trust, and the current lease arrangements that apply to the Melbourne Racing Club, there is an agreement between the two parties as to how the total amount is proportioned.

	Any variation to the rates methodology for the Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Trust would be subject to a formal Council resolution.
Catherine McNaughton, Glen Huntly	Question 7 The Caulfield Racecourse Recreation Reserve is 54HA of crown land. It has rare potential to create sorely needed green space for nature in Glen Eira; by protecting and rewilding the lakes, heathland, trees, and woodland; as well as some space for more active recreation. Does the Caulfield Racecourse Trust pay rates, and on what basis - given that this is Crown Land and that the LXRPA is paying to lease the Neerim Stable area? Will Council advocate for that revenue to be directed towards enhancing the green spaces in the reserve (including the Neerim Stable area) for passive open space and nature in our city?
	Response:
	Council is aware that the LXRP is paying a lease fee to the Trust for their use of the Neerim Stables area land, but we are not privy to the amount as this is an agreement between the LXRP and the Trust. Council is calling on the future Victorian Government to commit to investing in the implementation of the Trust's Land Management Plan.
	(The remainder of the response is consistent with the response provided to Mr Cutts in Q6)
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#### 8. OFFICER REPORTS (AS LISTED)

## 8.1 ADOPTION OF GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL 2021-22 ANNUAL REPORT

#### Moved: Cr Magee

Seconded: Cr Zhang

That Council considers and resolves to adopt the 2021-22 Annual Report (Attachment 1 to this report) and publish the report as an online version accessible via Council's website.

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 8.2 CIRCULAR ECONOMY PLAN 2022 - 2026

#### Moved: Cr Zmood

Seconded: Cr Pennicuik

That Council:

- 1. Adopts the *Circular Economy Plan 2022 2026* (attachment 1 to this report);
- 2. Continue to work with First Nations people to build and develop the partnerships and opportunities within the plan;
- 3. expresses its appreciation to the community for their input into the development of the final *Circular Economy Plan 2022 2026*; and
- 4. acknowledges that the Final *Circular Economy Plan 2022 2026* will be updated so that Action 3.2.3 reflects the updated actions noted in attachment 3 of this report.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It is recorded that Cr Parasol vacated the Chamber at 8:31pm.

#### 8.3 196-198 HAWTHORN ROAD CAULFIELD NORTH - AMENDMENT C234 AND APPLICATION GE/DP-34438/2021

#### Moved: Cr Zyngier

Seconded: Cr Zmood

That Council:

- notes its consideration of the submissions received to the combined Planning Scheme Amendment C234glen and Planning Permit Application GE/DP-34438/2021 in accordance with Section 22 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.
- 2. abandons Planning Scheme Amendment C234glen for the following reason: In its capacity as the planning authority, considers that owners of land benefited by the restriction may suffer detriment (including any perceived detriment) as a consequence of the variation of the restriction.
- 3. informs the Minister for Planning of the decision to abandon Planning Scheme Amendment C234glen.
- 4. publishes a notice of the decision on Council's website.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It is recorded that Cr Parasol entered the Chamber at 8:46pm.

## 8.4 VCAT WATCH

#### Moved: Cr Zmood

Seconded: Cr Pennicuik

That Council notes the update on Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal matters.

## 8.5 ALMA VILLAGE POP-UP PARK PROPOSAL

#### Moved: Cr Zyngier

#### Seconded: Cr Parasol

That Council endorse the commencement of the proposed Pop-Up trial between November 2022 and March 2023.

For the Motion: Crs Parasol, Zhang, Zyngier and Pennicuik (4)

Against the Motion: Crs Esakoff, Magee and Zmood (3)

#### CARRIED

## 8.6 ELSTER CREEK SEWER UPGRADE - MCKINNON RESERVE

#### Moved: Cr Zhang

Seconded: Cr Pennicuik

That Council:

- 1. Authorises officers to carry out all administrative processes required to prepare and finalise a new easement in favour of South East Water on Council freehold land at McKinnon Reserve as part of their Elster Creek Sewer Upgrade; and
- Authorises officers to negotiate and finalise the compensation payable by South East Water to Council for their new easement at McKinnon Reserve; and
- Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign all documentation associated with the creation of the new easement, including affixing the Council seal if required.

## 8.7 INCLUSION OF 10 TREES IN THE CLASSIFIED TREE REGISTER

#### Moved: Cr Zmood

Seconded: Cr Pennicuik

That Council:

- 1. includes the following trees in the Classified Tree Register:
  - a) River Red Gum x 2 (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*) located at 12 Gardenvale Rd, Caulfield South – 80/CTR/2021;
  - b) Southern Mahogany (*Eucalyptus botryoides*) located at 43 Blackwood St, Carnegie – 238/CTR/2021;
  - c) Camphor Laurel x 7 (*Cinnamomum camphora*) located at 15 17 Omama Rd, Murrumbeena – 186/CTR/2021;
- 2. notifies each person who nominated a tree detailed in this report;
- 3. notifies all relevant landholders of the trees detailed in this report; and
- 4. authorises a notice to be published in the Victorian Government Gazette of the decision to include the trees outlined in this report in the Classified Tree Register.

#### 8.8 MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

#### Moved: Cr Zyngier

#### Seconded: Cr Zhang

That Council:

- 1. appoints the following as organisation representatives to Council's Multicultural Advisory Committee for a two-year period:
  - Hap Dan, representing Inner Eastern Local Learning and Employment Network
  - Sylvia Berchick, representing Good Vibes Society
  - Joshua Goodman, representing Jewish Community Council of Victoria
  - Nicholas Chalas, representing Let's Connect Club
  - Dr Gamini Adikari, representing Sinhala Cultural and Community Services Foundation
  - Cassandra Barrett, representing Jewish Care Victoria
  - Ann Manning, representing Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre
  - Maureen Barten, representing Progressive Judaism Victoria
- 2. appoints the following as community representatives to Council's Multicultural Advisory Committee for a two-year period:
  - Rabbi Yaakov Glasman
  - Janeca Gross
  - Regina Atzil
  - Kaia Sun
  - Renee Leighton
  - Agnes Cheung
  - Dr Priyadharshini Mendis
  - Deepa Mani
  - Pooja Gupta
  - Monica Espinosa
  - Elif Kurdoglu-Sengoz
  - Cesar Albarran-Torres
- 3. writes to the successful applicants congratulating them on their appointment, and to the unsuccessful applicants thanking them for their applications.

## 8.9 APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

#### Moved: Cr Zmood

#### Seconded: Cr Parasol

That Council makes the following appointments to the role of Acting Chief Executive Officer during the absence of the Chief Executive Officer on leave :

- Ms Kellie Vise, Director Customer & Community Experience for the period 5pm on Friday 21 October 2022 to 8am on Wednesday 2 November 2022 inclusive and from 5pm Sunday 8 January 2023 to 8am Thursday 12 January 2023 inclusive;
- Mr Niall McDonagh, Director Sustainability Assets & Leisure for the period 8am on Tuesday 20 December 2022 to 8am Monday 2 January 2023 inclusive; and
- Ms Sam Ludolf, Director Corporate Services for the period 8am Monday 2 January 2023 to 5pm on Sunday 8 January 2023 inclusive.

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 9. URGENT BUSINESS

Confidential Urgent Business Item titled Rooming House Matter

#### Procedural Motion

Moved: Cr Magee

Seconded: Cr Zmood

That Council:

- 1. accepts the confidential item titled Rooming House Matter as urgent business; and
- considers this matter at the confidential item section of this meeting - Item 11, where Council will move in camera to discuss.

#### 10. ORDINARY BUSINESS

#### 10.1 Requests for reports from a member of Council staff

#### Call for Report (Cr Pennicuik)

Moved: Cr Pennicuik

Seconded: Cr Zyngier

#### Establishment of a Southeastern Councils Biodiversity Network

That Council:

receives a report at its 13 December 2022 Council Meeting exploring the establishment of a Southeastern Councils Biodiversity Network (consisting also of the cities Bayside, Dandenong, Frankston, Kingston, Melbourne, Mornington Peninsula Shire and Port Phillip).

The network to be compromised of Councillors and Council officers from the network councils in the Southeastern metropolitan region, with the purposes of:

- information sharing
- collaboration on joint projects
- · advocacy in relation to common objectives
- working with State and Federal Governments on environment initiatives
- exploring wildlife corridors across the region
- engaging with traditional owners across the region.

#### Rationale

Climate change, habitat loss, invasive species, pollution and resource extraction are combining to increase the impact on the environment.

Now, more than ever, local councils need to work together to share information and work together on joint projects and advocacy strategies. The Southeastern Metropolitan councils share a number of commonalities, including:

- we are all on traditional, Bunurong land
- we share many ecological communities and are generally in the Sand-belt region

A Council Biodiversity Network will provide opportunities for sharing information and ideas relating to our Urban Forest Strategies and Biodiversity Strategies, with the added benefit of working together on projects such as:

- a joint wetland celebration, protection and restoration strategy,
- endangered species recovery and habitat restoration programs,
- wildlife corridor protection and linkage projects,
- other projects raised by participating councils.

10.2 Right of reply

Nil

10.3 Notice of Motion

Nil

**10.4 Councillor questions** 

Nil

## 10.5 Written public questions to Council

Moved and proceeded with at an earlier stage of the meeting

#### 11. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

#### Moved: Cr Zyngier

#### Seconded: Cr Zmood

That pursuant to Section 66(1) and 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020, the Council resolves that so much of this meeting be closed to members of the public, as is required for Council to consider the following matters that are confidential in accordance with Section 3(1) of the Act:

#### 11.1 Rooming House Matter

This agenda item is confidential information for the purposes of section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020:

- because it is legal privileged information, being information to which legal professional privilege or client legal privilege applies (section 3(1)(e)), and private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that 
   (i) relates to trade secrets; or
   (ii) if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or
- financial undertaking to disadvantage (section 3(1)(g)); and
- this report contains confidential legal advice.
- The report refers to a commercial operator and its ability to continue to trade

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It is recorded that Council closed the meeting to the public and disabled the livestream at 9.42pm.

#### 12. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at **9.51pm** 

Confirmed this 2 November 2022

Chairperson.....