



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 22 JULY 2025

MINUTES

**Meeting was held in the Council Chambers,
Corner Hawthorn & Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield
at 7:30 PM**

Present

The Mayor, Councillor Simone Zmood
Councillor Arabella Daniel
Councillor Margaret Esakoff
Councillor Jane Karlake
Councillor Sam Parasol
Councillor Luca Ragni
Councillor Kay Rimbaldo
Councillor Kimberley Young
Councillor Li Zhang

Council Officers Present

Chief Executive Officer, Rebecca McKenzie
Director Customer and Corporate Affairs, Kellie Vise
Director Sustainability, Assets and Leisure, Niall McDonough
Director Community Wellbeing, Jane Price
Director Planning and Place, Rosa Zouzoulas
Chief Financial Officer, John Vastianos
Manager Legal, Risk and Governance, Diana Vaynrib
Coordinator Councillor Business, Karling Colomiere
Councillor Business Officer, Alexandra Fry
Councillor Business Officer, Kylie Webster

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1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

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

Nil

3. REMINDER TO DISCLOSE 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 85 of the Glen Eira City Council Governance Rules. Councillors were then invited to indicate any such conflict of interest.

Procedural Motion

Moved: Cr Zmood

Seconded: Cr Young

That Council:

1. where meetings are held in-person, can continue the meeting if the livestream of the meeting fails;
2. considers the meeting to be adjourned for 10 minutes from the commencement of any technical problem where a Councillor is participating virtually; and
3. where a Councillor is participating virtually and the meeting cannot be resumed within 30 minutes from the commencement of the technical problem, the meeting is to be reconvened on Thursday 24 July 2025 at 7.30pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Suspend Standing Orders**Moved: Cr Zmood****Seconded: Cr Karslake**

That Council suspend standing orders at 7:34pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor, Cr Zmood along with Councillors and ex-Councillors thanked and congratulated CEO Rebecca McKenzie on her time at Glen Eira as CEO

Resume Standing Orders**Moved: Cr Zmood****Seconded: Cr Young**

That Council resumes standing orders at 8:07pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were 2 submissions for Public Participation this evening.

5. WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL

There were no Written Public Questions to Council this evening.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OR MEETINGS**Moved: Cr Karslake****Seconded: Cr Rimbaldo**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 June 2025 be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. RECEPTION AND READING OF PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

Nil

8. REPORTS BY DELEGATES APPOINTED BY COUNCIL TO VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS

Cr Rimbaldo – Metropolitan Transport Forum

Cr Zhang – Inner Regional South East meeting – Municipal Association of Victoria

9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND RECORDS OF ASSEMBLY**9.1 Advisory Committees**

Nil

9.2 Records of Assembly**9.2.1 RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES**

Moved: Cr Esakoff

Seconded: Cr Daniel

That Council notes the Records of Assemblies for:

1. 17 June 2025 Assembly;
2. 23 June 2025 Assembly; and
3. 30 June 2025 Pre-meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. OFFICER REPORTS (AS LISTED)

10.1 99 BREWER ROAD BENTLEIGH - AMENDED APPLICATION

Moved: Cr Daniel**Seconded: Cr Esakoff**

That Council issues a Notice of Refusal to Grant an amendment to a Planning permit for Application No. GE/DP-33820/2020/B at 99 Brewer Road, Bentleigh on the following grounds:

1. The proposed operating hours for the food and drink premises are inappropriate and fail to address the acoustic and overall amenity impacts towards the prevailing residential context. The application therefore does not meet the following decision guidelines of the Industrial Zone 3:
 - a. The Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.
 - b. Interface with non-industrial areas.
2. The proposed onsite car parking allocated to the food and drink premises is insufficient. The proposed car parking demand, when factoring in the existing parking reductions approved under the permit, will have an unreasonable impact on the existing parking availability within the surrounding residential streets, failing to satisfy the provisions of Clause 52.06 (Car Parking).
3. The proposed operating hours for the food and drink premises and medical centre are unsatisfactory due to the compounding vehicle movements and parking overflow when factoring in the existing parking reductions approved under the permit and the current site context.
4. The proposed changes to condition 9 to increase the number of children that may be present on the land at any one time are unsatisfactory due to the compounding increase of vehicle movements and parking overflow when factoring in the existing parking reductions approved under the permit and the current site context.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.2 DRAFT PARKING MANAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR CONSULTATION

Moved: Cr Karlake**Seconded: Cr Young**

That Council:

- a) adopts the Draft Parking Management Strategy for the purpose of consultation and undertakes a four-week community consultation from 23 July until 24 August 2025.
- b) notes the results of the consultation, will be reported to Council later this year; and
- c) notes that a further report at an Ordinary Council Meeting later this year seeking Council's adoption of the final version of the strategy with recommendations for implementation.

For the Motion: Crs Zhang, Karlake, Daniel, Rimbaldo, Young and Ragni (6)

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

CARRIED**Extension of Speaking Time****Moved: Cr Zmood****Seconded: Cr Rimbaldo**

That Cr Karlake be granted a two minute extension of speaking time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Extension of Speaking Time****Moved: Cr Zmood****Seconded: Cr Rimbaldo**

That Cr Esakoff be granted a seven minute extension of speaking time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.3 COMMUNITY GRANTS

Moved: Cr Rimbaldo**Seconded: Cr Ragni**

That Council receive and note the Quarterly Report from the Director Community Wellbeing, outlining community grants and awards approved for the period April to June 2025

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.4 MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA OCTOBER 2025 STATE COUNCIL MOTIONS

Moved: Cr Zhang**Seconded: Cr Young**

That Council endorses the following two motions for submission to the 10 October 2025 Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council meeting:

Motion 1 – Support for local initiatives to accelerate climate action

That the State Council of the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) calls on the Victorian Government to partner with local government in responding to the climate emergency through:

1. Fast-tracking electrification and emissions reduction initiatives for essential community infrastructure, such as neighbourhood centres, aged care facilities, public housing, and community centres.
2. Expanding opportunities for councils to upgrade local infrastructure and improve resilience to extreme weather events, with attention to the differing needs of urban, regional and rural municipalities.
3. Improving household and business access to:
 - Electric retrofitting alternatives
 - Renewable energy (including off-grid systems)
 - Insulation and energy efficiency upgrades
 - Conversion from gas and woodfire heating to electric systems
 - Solar PV panels and batteries tailored to local conditions.
4. Ensuring these programs are equitable and accessible, particularly for low-income earners, renters, First Nations communities, and other vulnerable groups across metropolitan, regional, and rural area.

Motion 2 – Protecting and expanding urban tree canopy through planning and vegetation management reform

That the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) advocate to the Victorian Government for urgent reforms to better protect and grow urban tree canopy, including:

- Recognising the role of tree canopy in climate resilience, public health, biodiversity, and urban amenity in planning decisions
- Moving away from broad vegetation clearance practices around powerlines in low bushfire-risk areas, where safety risk is low
- Endorsing evidence-based minimum vegetation clearance (e.g. 30cm) where appropriate—such as in inner metropolitan Councils that are classed as Low Bushfire Risk Areas (LBRA)
- Establishing statewide standards and targeted investment to support councils in retaining and expanding canopy cover through planning controls, infrastructure coordination, and local greening initiatives.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.5 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2025

Moved: Cr Daniel**Seconded: Cr Ragni**

That Council notes the report on the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

12. ORDINARY BUSINESS**12.1 Requests for reports from a member of Council staff**

Nil

12.2 Right of reply

Nil

12.3 Notice of Motion / Notice of Rescission

Nil

12.4 Councillor questions

Nil

13. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**Moved: Cr Zmood****Seconded: Cr Zhang**

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:

13.1 CEO Performance Review - July 2025

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

- because it is personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs (section 3(1)(f)); and
- personal information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9:33pm.

Confirmed this 12 August 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting

Chairperson.....