



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2020
MINUTES

The Meeting was held remotely and streamed live via Council's website at 7.30pm

Present

The Mayor, Councillor Margaret Esakoff
Councillor Tony Athanasopoulos
Councillor Anne-Marie Cade
Councillor Clare Davey
Councillor Jamie Hyams
Councillor Jim Magee
Councillor Joel Silver
Councillor Dan Sztrajt

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The Mayor welcomed Councillors, council officers, Glen Eira residents and other community members to the 13 October 2020 virtual Council Meeting. Cr Esakoff advised of the process that would be followed should Council encounter technical difficulties livestreaming the meeting.

The Mayor then confirmed that the Councillors could be recorded as present by ensuring they met the following three criteria:

- They can hear proceedings;
- They can see other members in attendance and can be seen by other members; and
- They can be heard (to speak)

Due to technical difficulties experienced with the sound, the Mayor recommenced the meeting at 7.41pm.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Mayor read the acknowledgement.

In the spirit of respect Council acknowledges the people and elders of the Boon Wurrung people of the Kulin Nation past and present who have traditional connections and responsibilities for the land on which Council meets.

2. APOLOGIES - NIL

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

Councillors are also reminded of the requirement for disclosure of conflicts of interest in relation to items listed for consideration on the Agenda, or which are considered at this meeting, in accordance with Sections 77 to 79 of the Local Government Act.

Procedural Motion**Moved: Cr Silver****Seconded: Cr Sztrajt**

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 to be reconvened on Wednesday 14 October at 7.30pm via livestreaming on Council's website, in the event livestreaming cannot be resumed within 30 minutes from the commencement of the technical problem which prevents livestreaming on Council's website.
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 Hyams****Seconded: Cr Athanasopoulos**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 September 2020 be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**5. RECEPTION AND READING OF PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS**

Nil

6. REPORTS BY DELEGATES APPOINTED BY COUNCIL TO VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS

Nil

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND RECORDS OF ASSEMBLY

7.1 Advisory Committees

7.1.1 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**Moved: Cr Cade****Seconded: Cr Silver**

That the minutes of the Advisory Committee meeting as shown below be received and noted and that the recommendations of this Committee be adopted.

1. Arts and Culture Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – 15 September 2020

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 Records of Assembly

7.2.1 RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS**Moved: Cr Silver****Seconded: Cr Athanasopoulos**

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

1. 8 September 2020
2. 8 September 2020 Pre-meeting
3. 15 September 2020
4. 22 September 2020 Pre-meeting

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Procedural Motion**Moved: Cr Silver****Seconded: Cr Athanasopoulos**

That Council changes the order of business to deal with Item 10.5 Written public questions to Council at this stage of the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.5 Written public questions to Council**1. Elissa Blackman – Murrumbeena**

What will happen if a council position is not formed for an amended plan especially during the period of the election when the VCAT hearing is due? We are aware that the result of the election may take longer than normal and the hearing date for the 430-434 Neerim Rd, Murrumbeena application commencing 23rd November 2020 may occur before a position of the newly elected council is sought.

Response:

All parties to the VCAT hearing have been provided with a copy of amended plans by the applicant for review. There is sufficient time for Council to form a position on the plans before the hearing starts on 23 November 2020. Officers are currently reviewing the plans and will provide a briefing to Councillors in the near future to confirm the position it will take to the hearing.

8. OFFICER REPORTS (AS LISTED)

8.1 VCAT WATCH

Moved: Cr Hyams**Seconded: Cr Silver**

That Council notes the applications currently before the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 COVID-19 - AMENDED STIMULUS PACKAGE TO SUPPORT BUSINESSES, RESIDENTS & COMMUNITY GROUPS

Moved: Cr Hyams**Seconded: Cr Silver**

That Council:

1. notes that a review of the COVID-19 Response and Recovery initiatives approved by Council on 7 April, 9 June 2020 and 1 September has been undertaken and is updated as per Attachment 1 of this agenda item;
2. authorises the roll-out of the support initiatives in the Response and Recovery Package as outlined in Attachment 1 to this report; and
3. notes the indicative value of initiatives outlined in the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Package is \$8.6m, comprising \$3.4m in the 2019-20 financial year and \$5.2m in the 2020-21 financial year.
4. requests officers to investigate options for providing sport and recreation related businesses (such as dance studios) with the opportunity to access suitable public open space for the conduct of their business while COVID Safe restrictions prevent indoor activity. Options must consider Council's need to balance competing community uses (including community access) and be consistent with the intent of Council's Response and Recovery Package outlined in Attachment 1 to this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Moved: Cr Esakoff**Seconded: Cr Sztrajt**

That the *2019–20 Annual Report* be adopted by Council and be published as an online version accessible via Council's website.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 AMENDMENT TO THE 2020 COUNCIL MEETING CYCLE

Moved: Cr Silver**Seconded: Cr Davey**

That Council:

1. amends the 2020 Council Meeting Cycle as follows:
 - a) reschedules the Ordinary Council Meeting from Wednesday 18 November 2020 to Tuesday 24 November 2020; and
 - b) reschedules the Ordinary Council Meeting from Tuesday 8 December 2020 to Tuesday 15 December 2020;
2. notes that the above listed meetings are to be held at 7.30pm in the Council Chambers, Corner Hawthorn & Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield unless it is required under Rule 62 of the Glen Eira City Council Governance Rules and any relevant laws, regulations or instructions from relevant authorities that it is necessary to hold meetings by electronic means of communication.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Moved: Cr Silver**Seconded: Cr Hyams**

That Council appoints Mr Ron Torres, Director Planning, Place and Sustainability to the role of Acting Chief Executive Officer for the period 5pm on Thursday 22 October 2020 to 8am on Wednesday 4 November 2020 inclusive during the absence of the Chief Executive Officer. The temporary appointment is in accordance with section 44(4) of the *Local Government Act 2020 (Vic)*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 COUNCILLOR END OF TERM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Moved: Cr Athanasopoulos**Seconded: Cr Magee**

That Councillors who are not candidates are granted an opportunity to make a statement and be recognised by their colleagues, being the last Council meeting of this term of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. URGENT BUSINESS - NIL**10. ORDINARY BUSINESS****10.1 Requests for reports from a member of Council staff - Nil****10.2 Right of reply - Nil****10.3 Notice of Motion - Nil****10.4 Councillor questions - Nil****10.5 Written public questions to Council**

This item was dealt with at an earlier stage of the meeting.

11. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

12. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Confirmed this 24 day of November 2020

Chairperson.....